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whose idea of "life" is his
alter ego in an online world
A place where the hearts
of people come together
and it is not a pretty place
The slender spiderweb that
connects their souls within
this endless world brings
greater pain than

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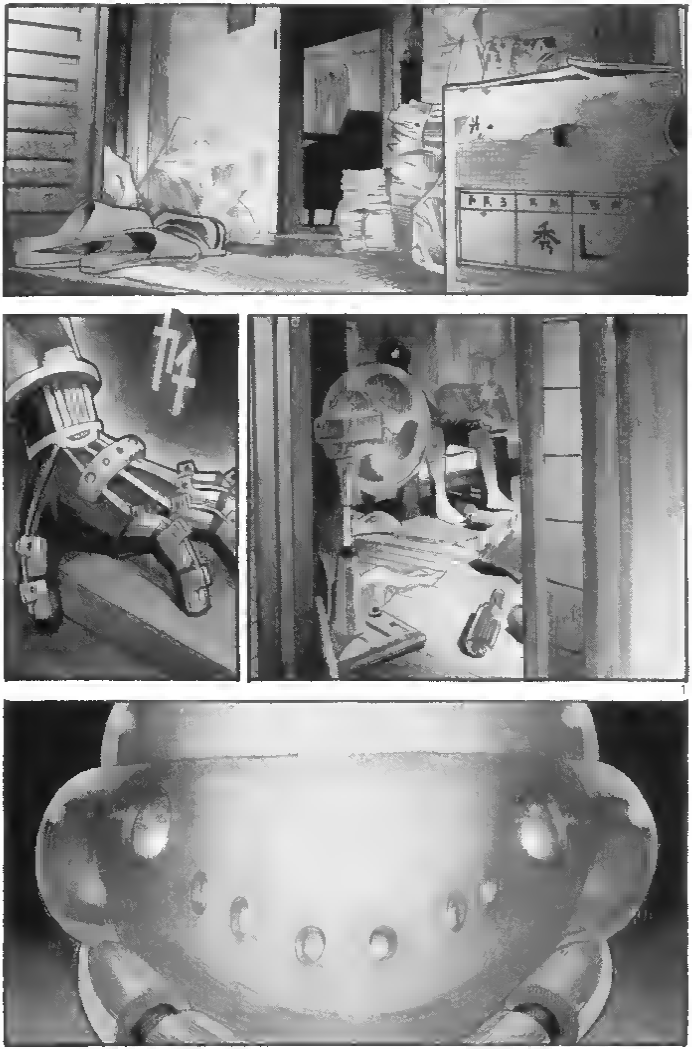

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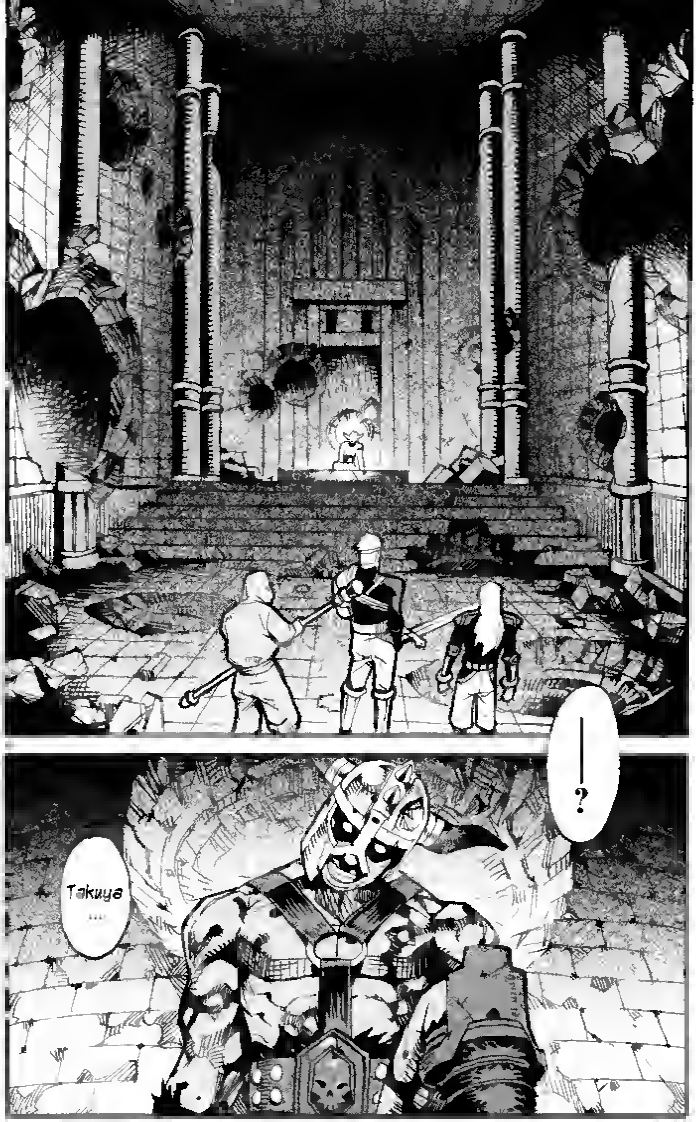
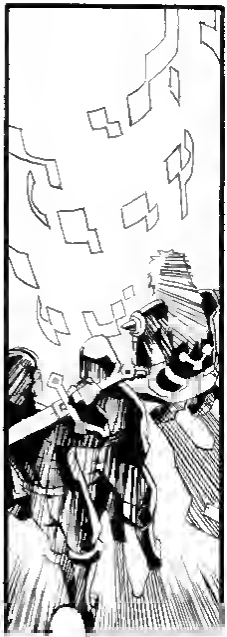
What was that noise?!
It came from the left fork of that crossroads back there!
Be careful!
It might be the Engine Man.
Engine Man?!
Takuya mentioned him in the message ten minutes ago.
Like the name says, he's some guy with an engine.
Any messages since then?
Is he still right?
You know how good he is.
Besides, we're rushing to back him up.
So what about the messages?!
I told you, he cut off. Nothing since then.
Left up left there.

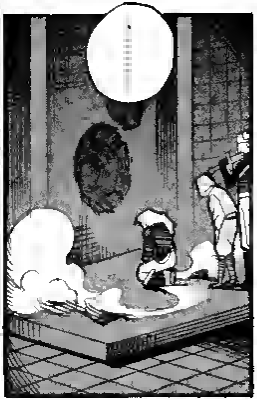

!?
Takuya
....

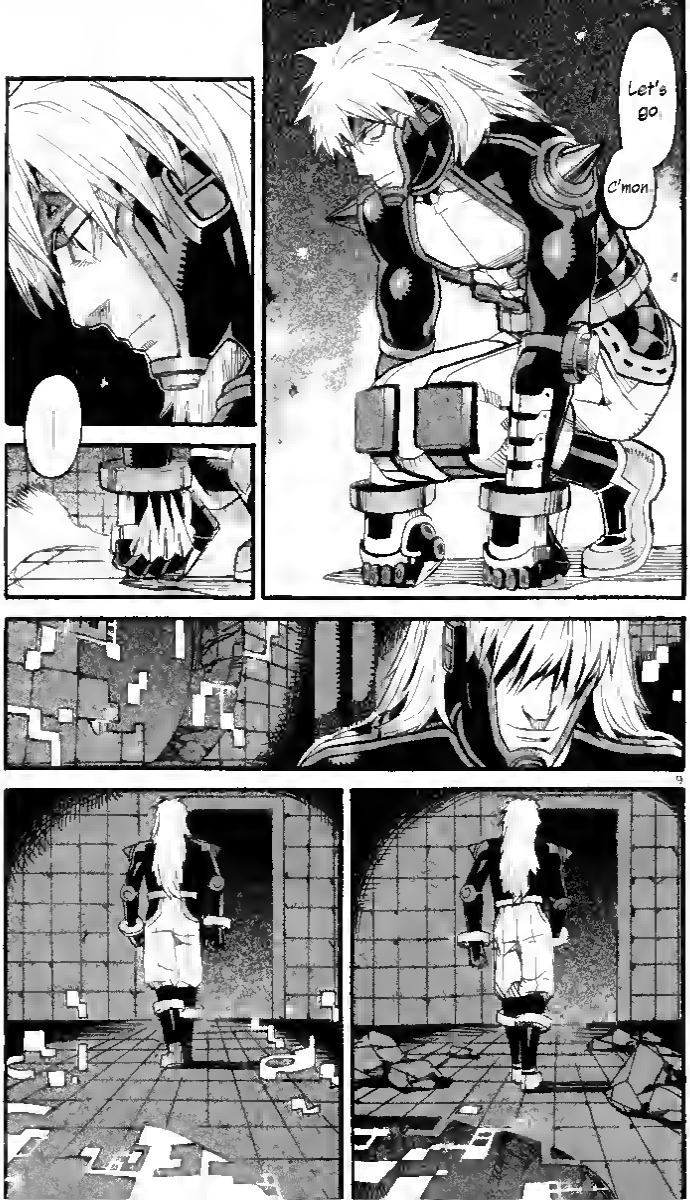
He busted this huge fuckin' hole.
Are you serious?
What should we do?
Chase him?
Looks like he broke through the wall.
Where's the Engine Man?
On my search screen there's an enemy going the opposite direction.
Takuya's connection is broken.
He'll be lost in another 5-6 seconds.
Jin,
Kazu

...
what?



Well, what now?
Hey, Seki.
I think we should just go back to the Save Point and log off.
I don't think we can go any lower than Level 150.
We can't possibly fight those monsters with a party of three.




Let's go
C'mon
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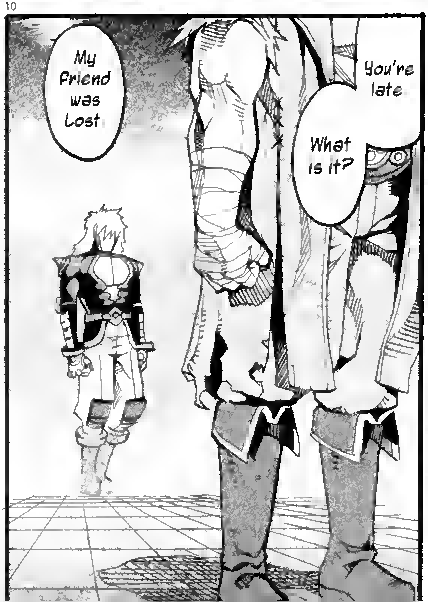
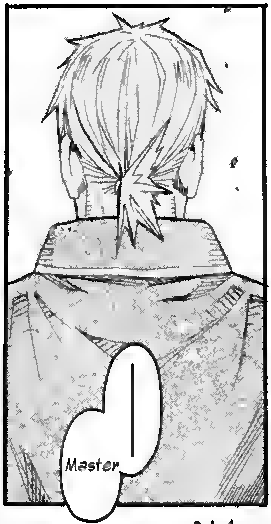

My friend was Lost
You're late
What is it?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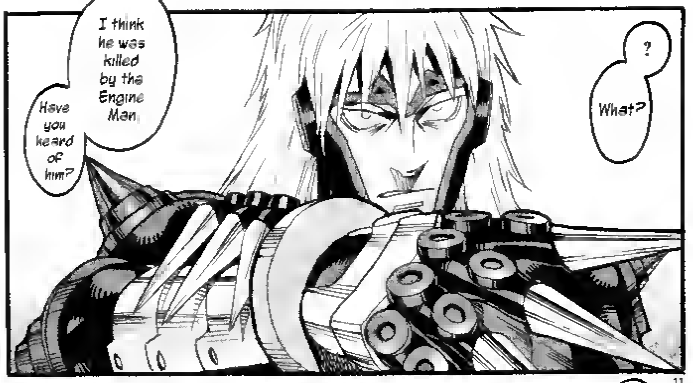
What?
?
I think he was killed by the Engine Man.
Have you heard of him?

yeah
.....
!?

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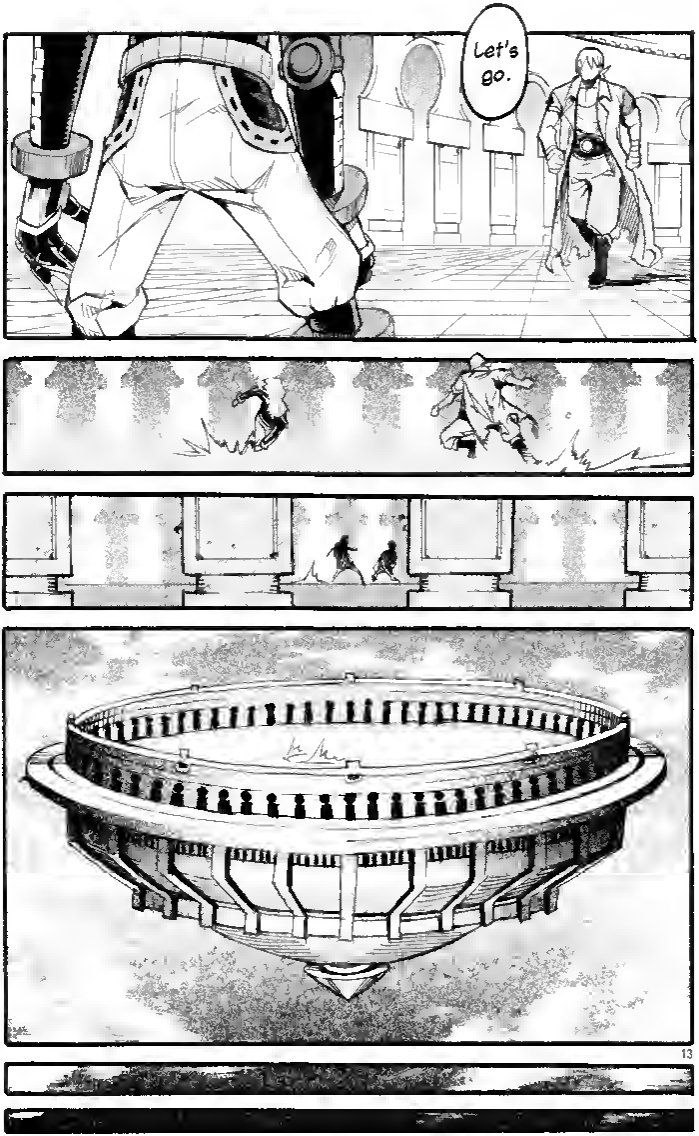
Seven hits
The Engine Man's normal speed is far inferior to mine.
You need to be able to land seven consecutive hits on my character
If you can do that,
you might stand a chance of beating him on your own.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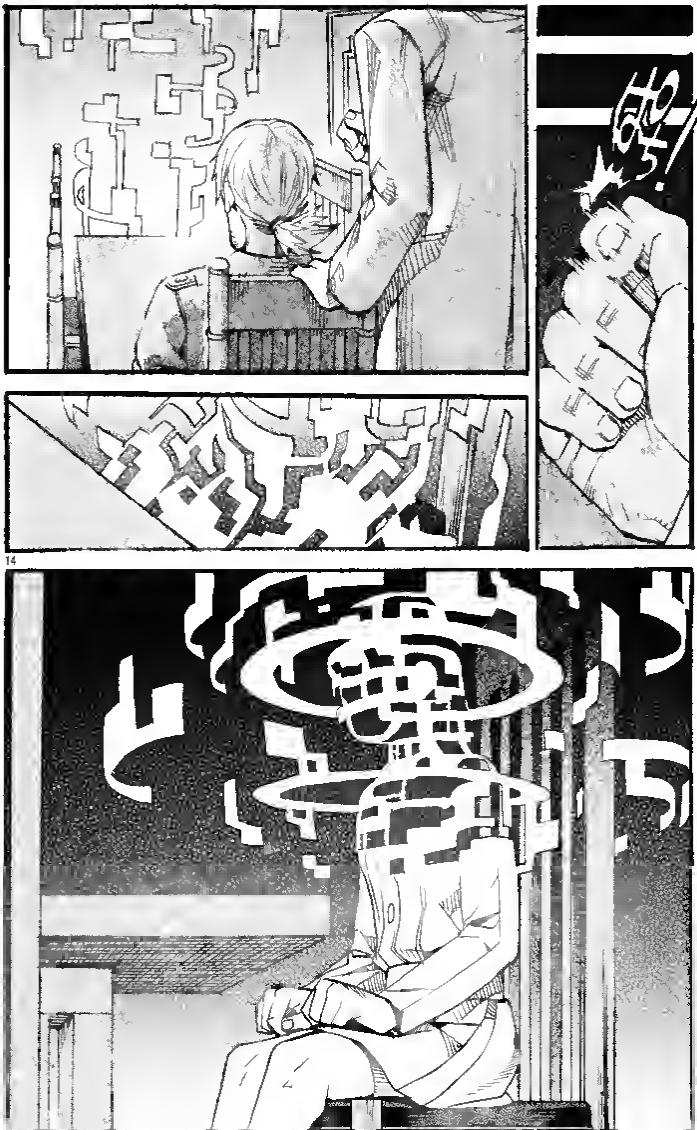
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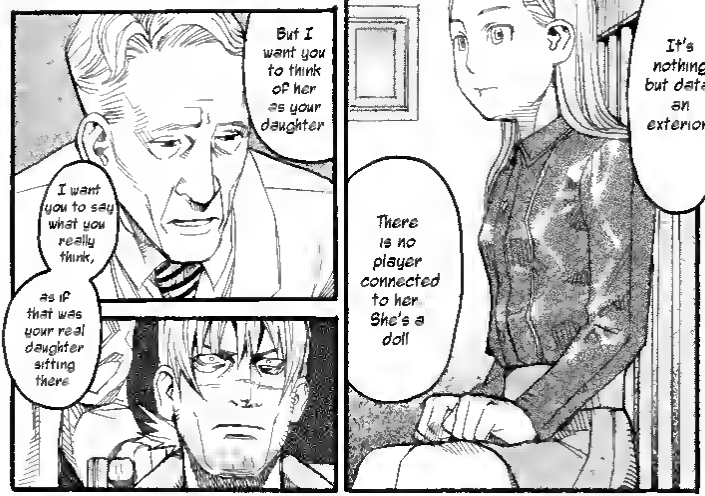
Now...
Mr Coil?
What do you see across the table,
A young girl,
about the same age as my daughter
That's right...
But this is a cyberspace Board. That girl is not real.


It's nothing but data, an exterior
There is no player connected to her She's a doll
But I want you to think of her as your daughter
I want you to say what you really think,
as if that was your real daughter sitting there

.....
?
.....

BLEGHEGHGHG
!?
Coil?!
Are you all right?!
I can hear you vomiting
Hang on,
Coil!
Coil, are you
UA-HERG
I'm sorry, Doctor
.....
17
No, it's not...
I just didn't tell you
No, this is my fault
I wasn't taking your health into account
Don't worry
Is your display all right?
I see
Let's end our session for today.
Tell me...
What?
I was drinking
Three big bottles
I'm sorry this had to happen
I managed to get my head out when I felt it coming up

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What he...
What Coil and his daughter have been through...
You've heard, haven't you?

Most of what I know, I heard from you
I have no idea what his real name is or what he looks like
It's a tricky case.
I see.
I only heard about an accident
Nothing more detailed than that.
Right.
So, he's been in Tokyo the whole time. Never visited them once.
His daughter is in a hospital in Tottori.
His wife is also in Tottori, with her parents.
Are you going to cancel the online counseling?
No, I intend to do what I can for him
I owe him that much, to say the least.
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Just wondering what kind of psychological effect that has...
Hmph,
Why do you ask about that?
By the way, what's your opinion?
!
Well, to state it simply,
the former is a game, while the latter is work.
Good question.
On these designated player-killings,
forcing their characters to be lost...
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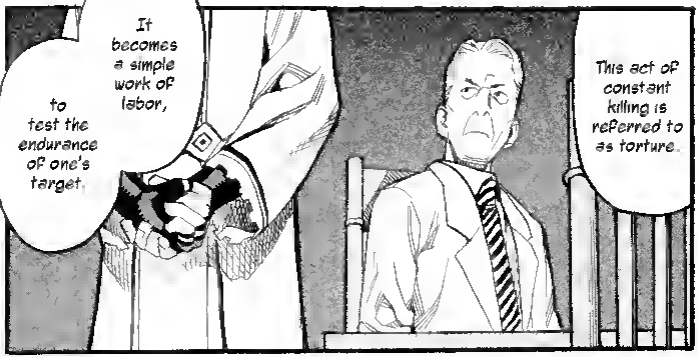
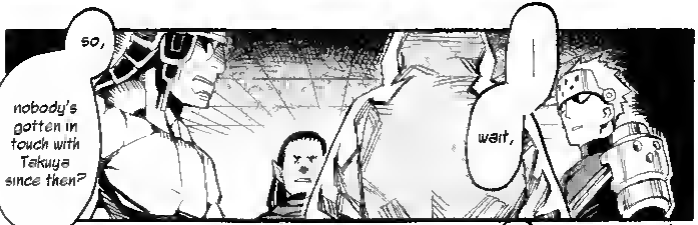
If your hit points fall to 0, the character is dead, but the player can revive it in exchange for a status penalty
The problem is when a player disconnects while dead
If a player cuts his connection while his character is alive, the character will simply log off the board he was connected to
but in order to force a player to lose his character,
there is additional "work" required
To kill or be killed is a simple competition within the game,
Gamers refer to it as "torture"
I suppose you haven't heard much about this
Work?
Being killed is not a big hindrance,
but losing your character is irreversible
In that case, the character will remain for two minutes before it is deleted
When you want to have a player lost, you simply continue killing him until he gives up and disconnects
Basically, when a player is killed, he doesn't want to lose his character, so he revives.
yes,
that's right


It becomes a simple work of labor,
to test the endurance of one's target.
This act of constant killing is referred to as torture.


so,
nobody's gotten in touch with Takuya since then?
wait,

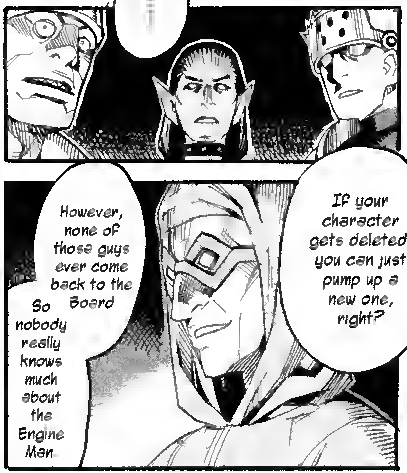
If I lost a character as buff as that, I'd be bummed
Maybe he's just feeling depressed offline?
Man, if anyone of us was gonna quit the game first, I didn't expect it to be him

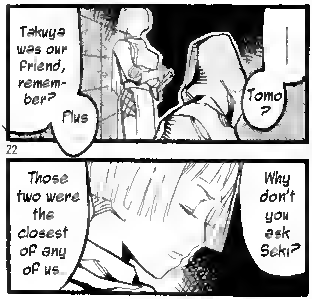
Now I remember.
The urban legend of the Engine Man.
Yeah, that's it.
?

For real?
Nope.
Nobody.
But he was one of those players without a life, the elite class
Is that supposed to be a compliment or an insult?

And any player who loses a character due to him never appears on the Board again, they're simply gone
The Engine Man only goes after the chronic players

They have to hospitalize you
I heard they have to call an ambulance
So, why do they disappear?
Do they like, die in real life too?
You'd think that would be more popular in the summer
Doesn't anyone do the curse/ghost angle?


So nobody really knows much about the Engine Man
However, none of those guys ever come back to the Board
If your character gets deleted, you can just pump up a new one, right?


Takuya was our friend, remember?
Plus
Tomo?
Those two were the closest of any of us
Why don't you ask Seki?

Knock it off, you guys

He said he was too busy
Speaking of which, what's he doing now?
You know, Tomo?
Angry?
Seki?
It's hard to tell 'cause he always looks the same
Like,
it was time to spar with his master or something

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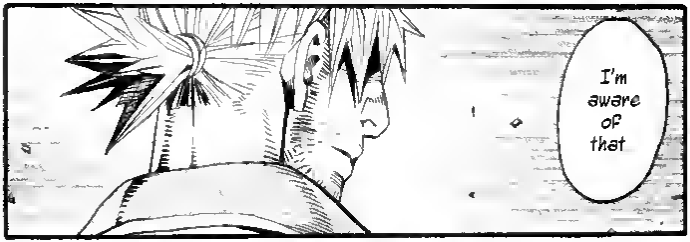
I don't have the right to live
That's me
Do you really think so?
I don't have a job
I shouldn't be here, playing an online game


I'm aware of that

But this isn't like that state of addiction when you were logged in well over ten hours a day.
I think that limiting yourself to two hours a day is well-moderated, don't you?
If you don't stop an addiction cold turkey, it doesn't matter.
And I get the feeling that I make up for the difference by drinking.

I'm always looking for something to sink myself into, to escape.
It's just a repetition of that.
so,
what do you think?
?

Well,
Think?
About what?
everytime we hold a session, you often talk about the way you play here.
And always in a negative way.
I think it's because,
I'm enjoying the time I spend here.
And what of it?
That I'm enjoying myself?
That's the problem.
It's my daughter.
Whenever I think about my daughter, the things I do here seem
Wasn't what happened with your daughter a total accident?
You can't suggest that you are entirely to blame for that.
I still ought to suffer.
That conviction will never change.
I was wondering about that.
!
.....

It's so strange
I thought that I would never enjoy fighting here again.
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so,
where did you meet this apprentice of yours?
This guy was just walking around an official company Board, PKing people left and right
I defeated him, and that's how it happened
Ever since then, he's followed me
yes,
those eyes
I like those eyes
Eyes
you say
You might laugh that I say this about a game,
but it speaks wonders of the state of modern technology
You can feel it on your skin

True blood-lust.
That was the first time
The first time I had ever felt open bloodlust directed at me.
Why is that?
I get the feeling that is my salvation.
!?
Why do you say that?
I don't really know, myself
I don't know why, but

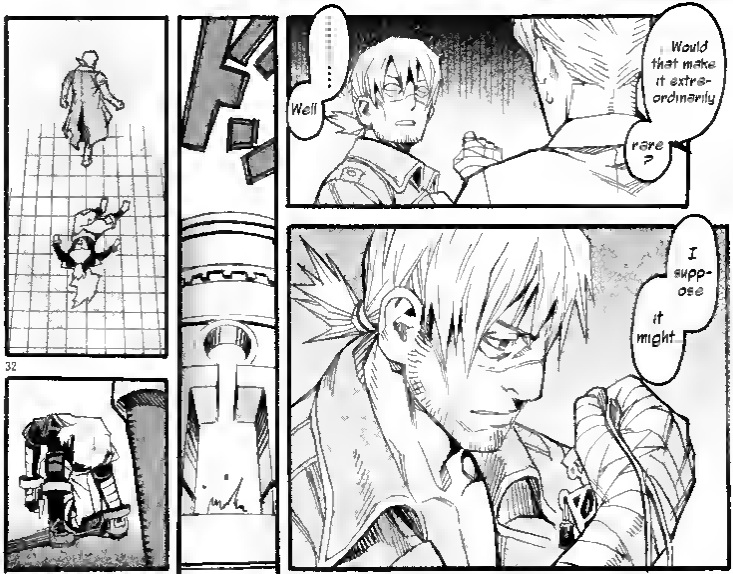
I get the feeling that he will offer me...
...the eradication I seek.
ハル
!?
!

Hey, Seki!
Did you do this by yourself?
Holy shit, look at that.
Hey... get down here.
We always tell you not to run ahead...
Yeesh
I wonder how much experience we'll get for that thing
yeah

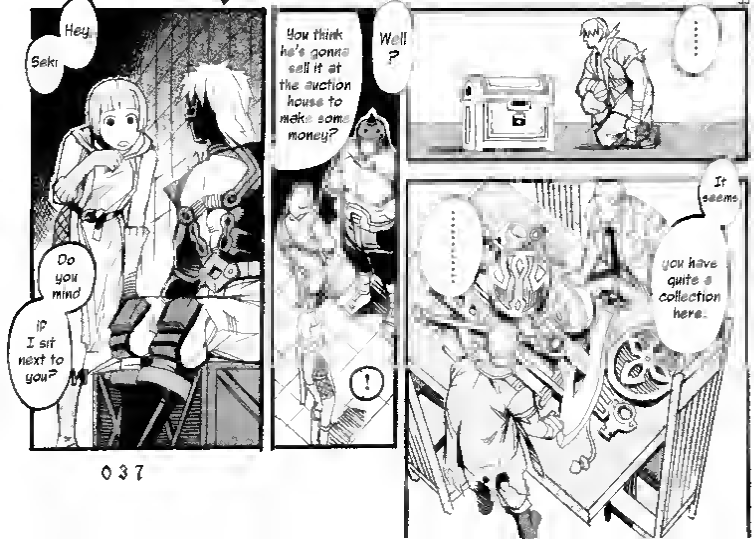
Tomo
Are you listening to me at all ?!
Hmm?
Look
I killed the so I monster, keep the loot, right
DAHAHAHA HAHAHA.
...w, what ?
DAHHHHHH!
What's so funny, you pinhead ?!
Well, you earned it, so I don't have a problem
What are you gonna do with it?
I have to pay
For what ?

Tuition

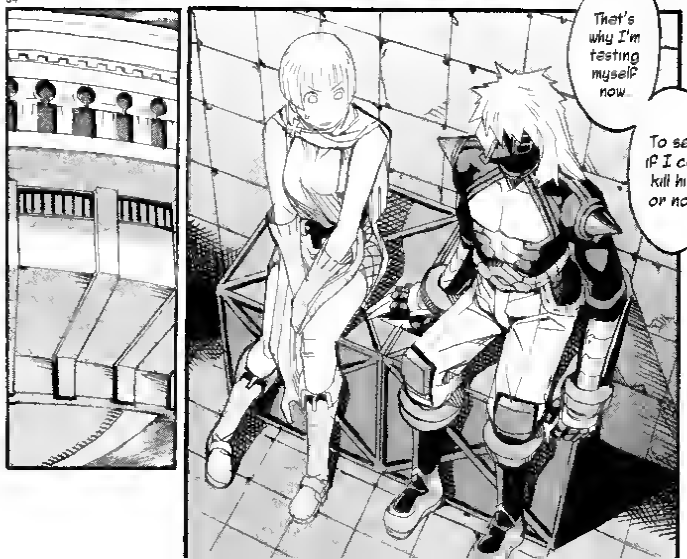
It's beautiful
Does it have some value?
It's an Amulet of Luck
The problem is that this is an S-class item that you can only find deeper than Level 170 on an official Board
he left it behind.
He,
What is that, you have there?


Well
Would that make it extraordinarily rare?
I suppose it might

Aaaackk!!
Run!
Seki, you have that thing, right?
The thingy!
The Demon Killer
I know you're not gonna use it, so give it to me!
It's gone
!
Sec-ret
What?
What do you mean, gone...
Oh God damn it all,
why do you tell me now?


Hey, Seki
Do you mind if I sit next to you?
You think he's gonna sell it at the auction house to make some money?
!
Well?
.....
.....
It seems you have quite a collection here.

What is it, Tomo ?
I kinda wonder, like, what kind of person you would accept as a master
I was just... wondering who that could be...
I heard you've been giving all your rare items to someone
Oh, right, right, of course
Now I remember, you did tell me before
Didn't I tell you? My mast-er
Ahaha hahaha ha...
Oh, that makes sense I'm being so silly
He kinda seems like my dad, some-times
...right


That's why I'm testing myself now...
To see if I can kill him or not

Trans-ference?
Yes
It's a psychological term for when patients begin to project feelings about an important person in their lives toward the therapist
I simply mean that these cases happen
Can you think of anything like that between you and your apprentice?
But,
what does that have to do with...
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You mean, I'm the therapist there?
But I don't,
I never intended to...
But it's not like a counseling session...
That possibility is important
It doesn't have to manifest itself in the form of counseling therapy
Perhaps you are both gaining something from each other
He has helped you rein in your alcohol problems
So that your movements are not dulled when you spar
Or he might be the therapist.
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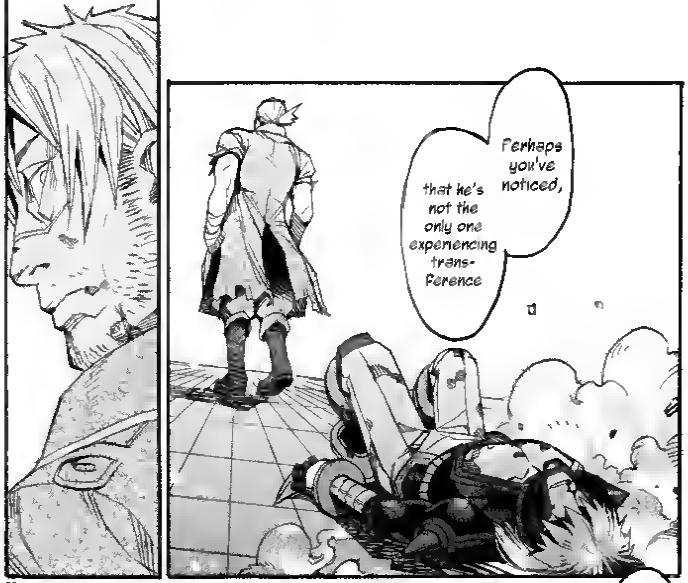
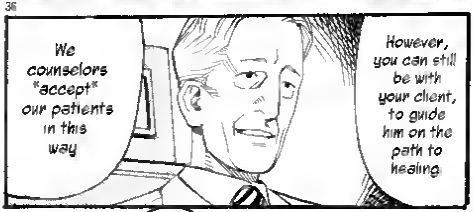
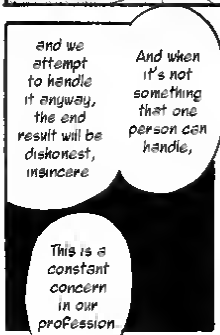
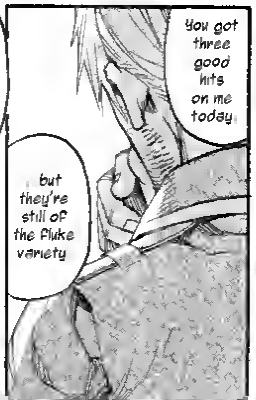

Perhaps you've noticed,
that he's not the only one experiencing trans-ference


We counselors "accept" our patients in this way
However, you can still be with your client, to guide him on the path to healing

But I'm not like you,
I'm not trying to do anything for him
You don't have to do it "for" him
The problem is his and his alone to solve


and we attempt to handle it anyway, the end result will be dishonest, insincere
And when it's not something that one person can handle,
This is a constant concern in our profession


You got three good hits on me today
but they're still of the Fluke variety

Still, I must say...
!
You've improved
What?
That's the first time.
Nothing.
!
Yeah, I guess that was the first
He's right.
That damn little grin...

Whether or not you can carry it out,
is something you must ascertain, within your own heart
However, if, on the other hand, you feel closer to conviction about what you are capable of,
that just might be the right choice of action

ポンポポポポポ
Hey,
I haven't seen your character around Are you a new member?
?
!
No,
don't worry about him
!
You're not
no,
I'm not
Which means you might be accessing illegally
Umm
Doc-tor
And see here
Your mother's been looking for you

It's dinnertime, Miko! Where did you think you were going?
No, it's not my fault!
The ball rolled away.
Shall we go, Mr Coil?
Choir?
Is it gospel?
Yes, they're practicing for the recital
The... recital?
Soon our members' real-life families and friends will be observing this workshop
At the request of the members, it was turned into a Pull Festival
So everyone is rather busy
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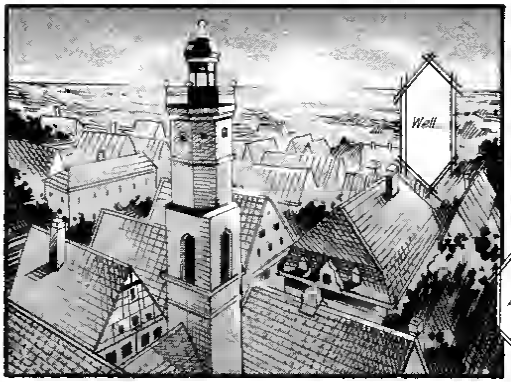
You're certainly welcome to come, Coil
I can have the pass all ready for you
You can bring your apprentice

...it's amazing...
All those families down there seem so real...
But this town will only last for another 35 minutes today
If we don't limit them, nothing will
During the workshop, we prohibit all members from seeing each other in real life
Still, there are some that attempt to do so
40
And this is also an academic study of pathological behavior,
so all of the logs can be examined
There are many conditions
What do you think, Coil?
There are still openings for the next workshop
If you'd like...
.....

Doctor, why do you practice in this form?
Doctor
Yes?
41
Years ago, I was heavily into a netgame, too.
I saw many good things and bad things about the online world,
and I found the combination intensely fascinating
When you think about the words "online" and "net," they are quite appropriate.
The connections that tie us together are finer and weaker than a spider's thread
But through these tiny threads, a tiny something can be passed back and forth.
Because, of course, the threads can only support the smallest of weights
What we must do now is determine the strength of those threads
We must not lose ourselves in the search for immediate and extravagant results
For if we do...
Doctor
?
!
What's the matter?
Is it urgent?
I'm sorry to bother you...
Have you seen the news?


Well...
And...
This rumor on the net has become a problem.
The news? Or what?

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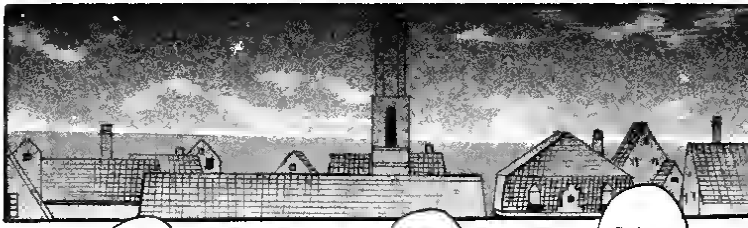
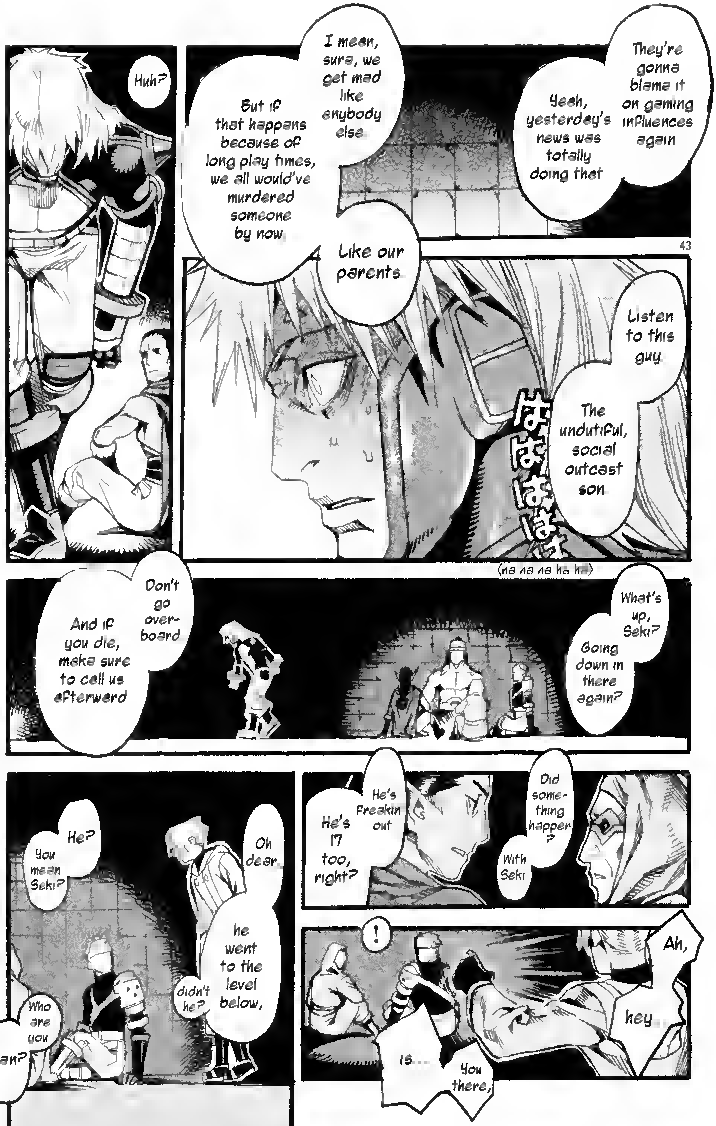


Man, f*king three guys isn't a big deal.
I've killed 11, myself.
Who was it that scored the most FKs?
I forgot.
Offline it was Stalin.
Same as always. He's just expressionless.
Wh-t's up, Seki?
You seem stiff.
Huh?

That one kid in Urawa was 17.
Same age as me.
They know his handle name,
but they haven't released his real name or address. Have they?


They're gonna blame it on gaming influences again
Yeah, yesterday's news was totally doing that
I mean, sure, we get mad like anybody else
But if that happens because of long play times, we all would've murdered someone by now
Like our parents
Huh?
43
Listen to this guy
The undutiful, social outcast son
(ha ha ha ha ha)
What's up, Seki?
Going down in there again?
Don't go overboard
And if you die, make sure to call us afterward
Did something happen?
With Seki
He's freakin out
He's 17 too, right?
Oh dear
He went to the level below, didn't he?
He?
You mean Seki?
Who are you man?
Ah, hey
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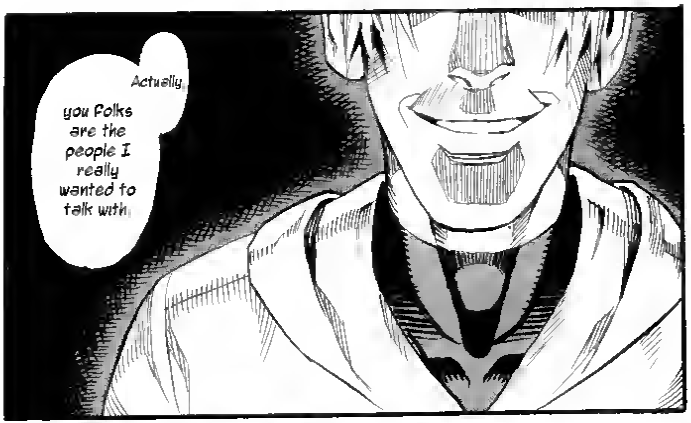
You there,


Actually,
you folks are the people I really wanted to talk with.

Hey, Tomo.
Done shopping?
Do you know that guy?

Nah
We were just shooting the shit with him.
About us, and Seki, and stuff
About Seki?
Why?!
Why would you tell a total stranger about something like that?
Shooting the shit?

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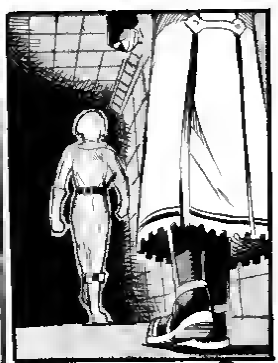

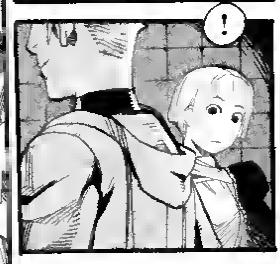
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Well,
Um
What?
Geez, what stuck that tree up your ass?
I don't believe this!
Nah, he was cool
It seemed like he fit right in with us...

I don't know.
I don't know, but there's something
I really didn't like the look of him

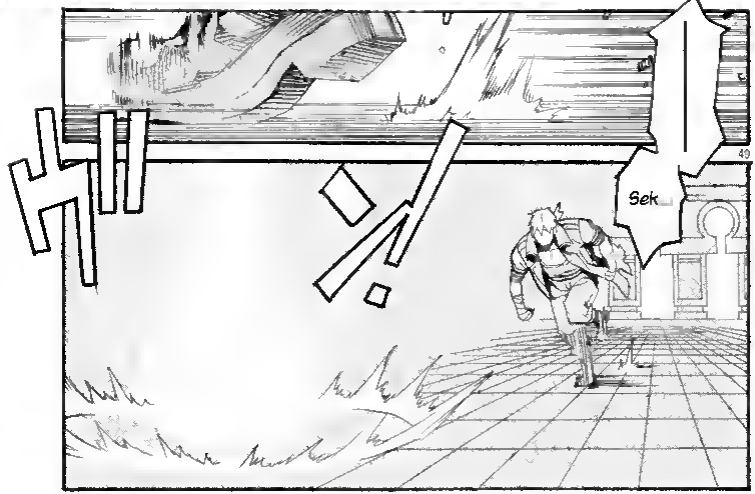
We could go
What do you say?
to the Festival
Basically,
this guy wants us to go.
Huh?

!
?
Seki, why
Stay back!

What do you think you're doing, now...?
What are you talking about?
You're...
47
Why are you doing this now...?!
That's right,
even you can see that.
You knew it, so why...
You're too late,
now...
Too god-d*mn late.
And you know it.
You were different...
Why are you trying to get on my good side?!
Why...?
I thought you were different!!

Why do you put the fatherly face on now?
Seki!
I'm not–
Stay back!
I'll kill you!!
Didn't you ever notice?
It's not that I couldn't hit you
It's that I didn't
You were always like that
You never tried to notice
You never even tried to accept me

I became a monster a long time ago.
Let's see if you can kill me now.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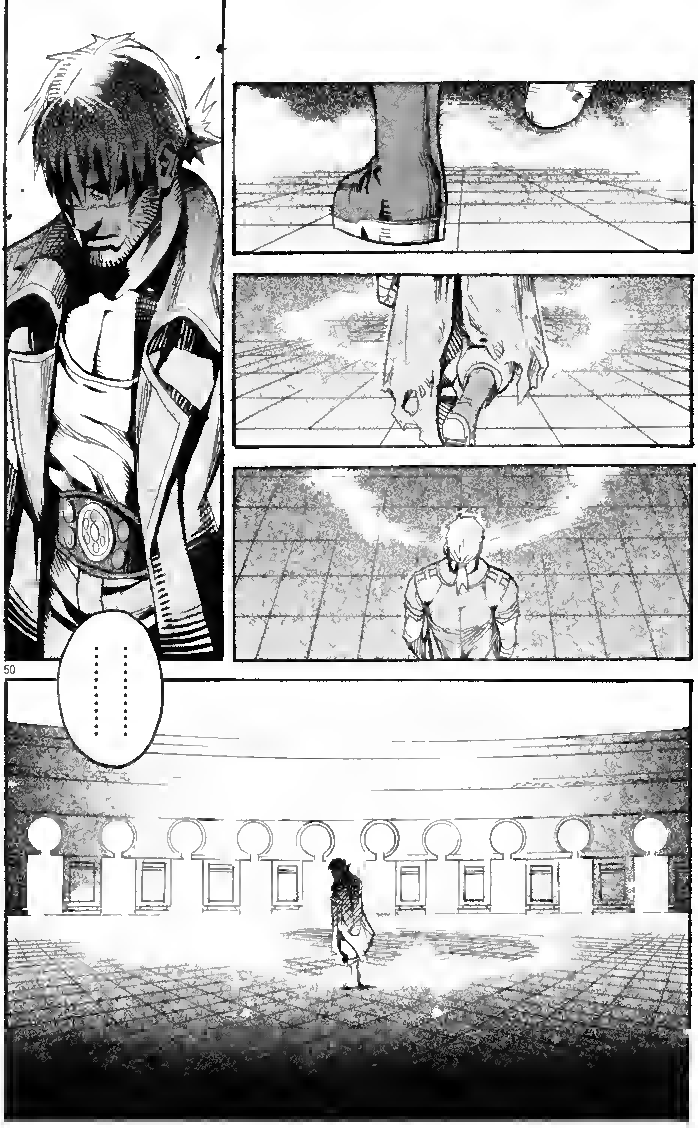
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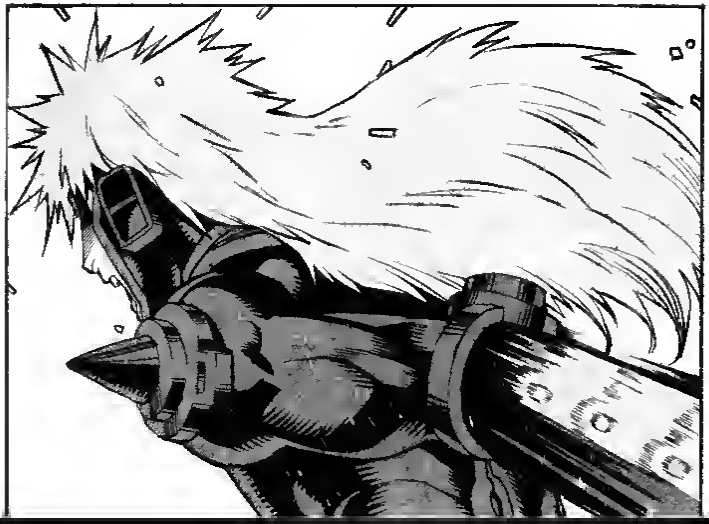

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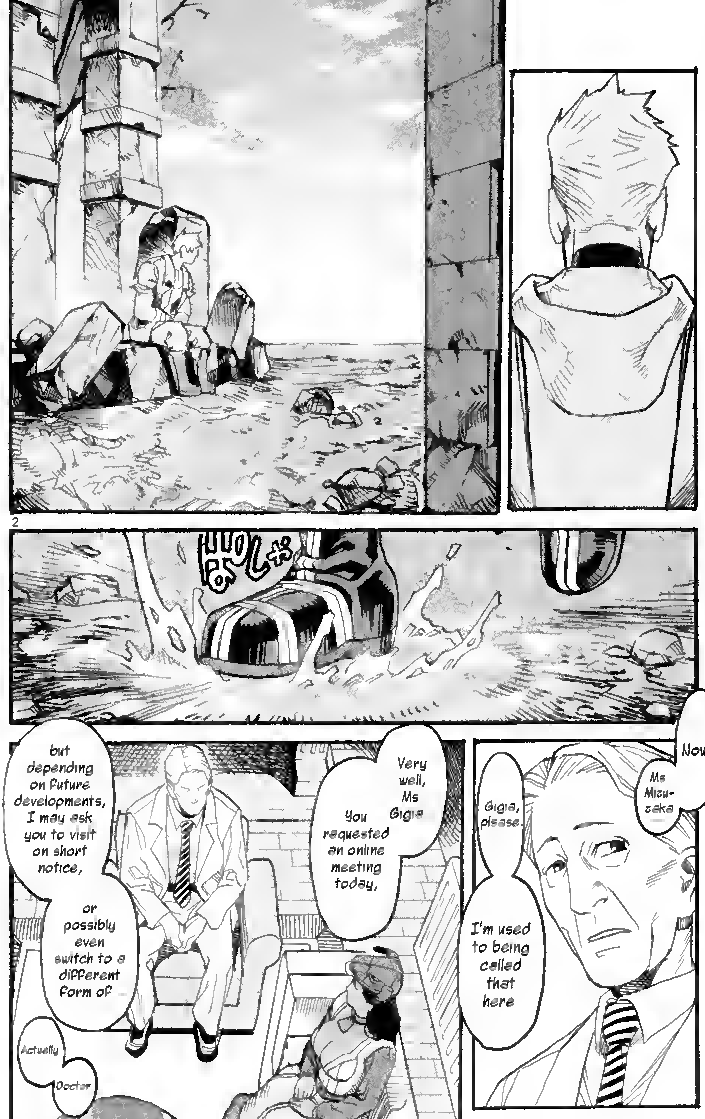
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Now, Ms Mizusaka
Gigia, please.
I'm used to being called that here
Very well, Ms Gigia
You requested an online meeting today,
but depending on future developments, I may ask you to visit on short notice,
or possibly even switch to a different form of
Actually Doctor

Yes?
I'm sorry
Today isn't actually about any problems of mine. It's
Something else
I actually came because I have a request to make...
Oh?
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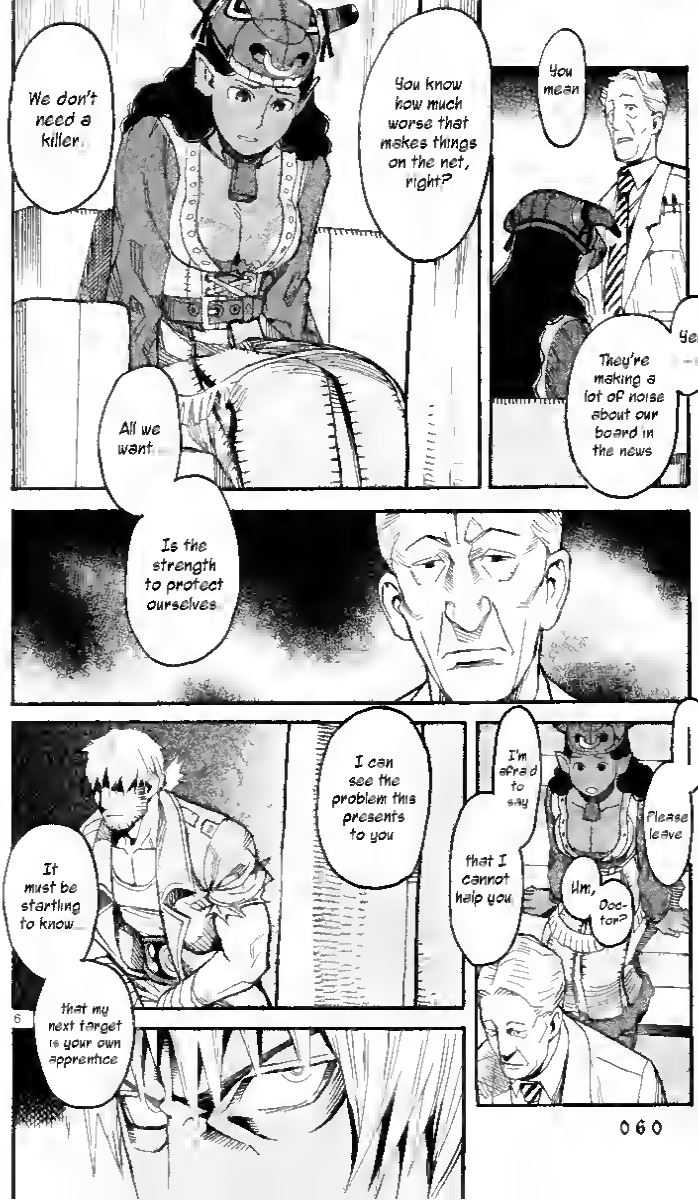
I've heard lots of rumors from people
And
They say that among the things you do,
are some unque and...er, unmentionable practices

One of those is
hiring an extremely powerful player as an assassin
Did you take a look at the report I sent you?
Hi.
Is it true?
.....
Yes
You might call it a prank of Fate
Coincidence can be astonishing sometimes
.....

Hardly
If he did, he certainly wouldn't have sent me this job
And does he-?
5
Umm
Doc-tor...?
If you have no interest in my consultation, I can introduce you to another counselor.
I can't say I know any who hire assassins, however
I'm sorry, Doctor!
I didn't
Please, listen
I,
I came from Chloe's Board to...
Just listen to me!


We don't need a killer
You know how much worse that makes things on the net, right?
You mean
Yes
They're making a lot of noise about our board in the news
All we want
Is the strength to protect ourselves
I can see the problem this presents to you
I'm afraid to say
that I cannot help you
Please leave
Um, Doctor?
It must be startling to know
that my next target is your own apprentice
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What shall we do?
I can go and tell him everything,
and we can pretend this job never happened
Instead, you told me everything and put the choice on my shoulders. Why?
It's my way of being considerate
I'm sorry if I've offended you
That nature of yours
makes me sick to my stomach
You could have already done all that by now
You're just watching me and enjoying yourself
7
Well, regardless of what choice you make,
there are ten days left.
I sincerely hope that this won't become
something you regret in the future

Whoa!
It's the master! He's real!
He actually exists!
Damn! Can I take a screenshot?
I humbly submit myself for training, SIR!
Hey, stop being so rude, you guys!
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I'm sorry.
They're a bunch of idiots
8
Where is he now?
I don't know
I'm guessing he's down in the lower levels by himself
Count me surprised as well
I didn't think he had such cheerful friends.
I'm actually surprised though.
I didn't think you'd come looking for us
It was the same when I first met Seki
He was always a lone wolf
Like, there's something that makes him hard to approach

Yeah...
I'm aware.
Coil?
Did you know
that since you stopped appearing lately, Seki's been showing up at the Box a lot on his own
9
Did you know
when he's here, all he talks about is you
He just complains and grumbles about you
I can't tell you exactly what he says
But,
lately he just clammed up
He won't talk At all anymore
I get the feeling that little by little, he's been changing
That he's finally grown able to accept us into his heart
...and I think that's because
you were there for him

He runs around alone on the lowest, most dangerous floors
He looks for valuable items like he's possessed or something
All the time
Over, and over,
all!!!! the time
I could tell.
That I couldn't do anything
Please
Help him, somehow...

Your friend was lost, right?
What do you think?
About that
?
What do I think?
Well
You don't
your friend got killed
swear to get revenge for him,
or feel sad or lonely at all?
That's all I wanted to know
I dunno
Maybe I do, a bit
I don't really know, I guess
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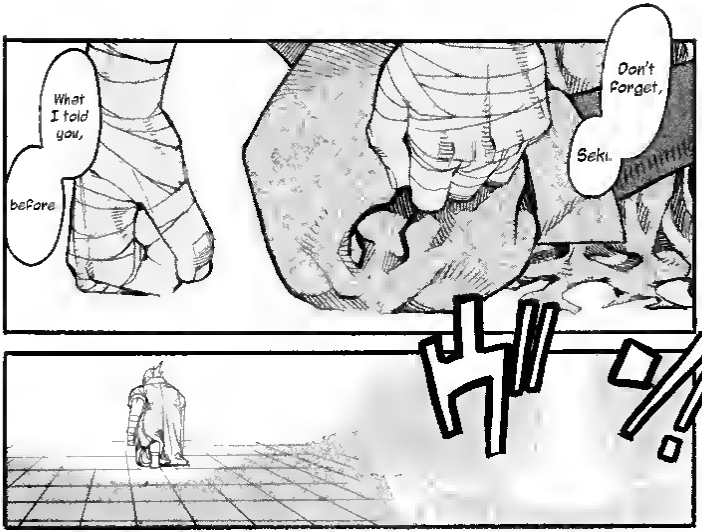
Forget it. You already told me
Don't be conceited. It won't matter unless you can pull it off
While we're at it, I wanted to follow up yesterday's strategy to kill the Engine Man
Listen. And remember this.
Yeah.
In the end, it really is just a game.


What I told you, before
Don't forget, Seki.
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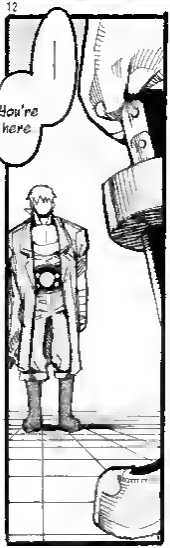
You're here

Today is our last match
When this is done, we'll never meet again
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Let's see that hidden power you were talking about
If not, I'm going to end up killing you

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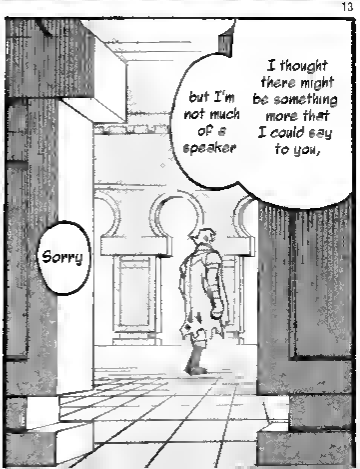
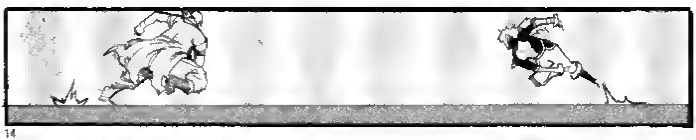
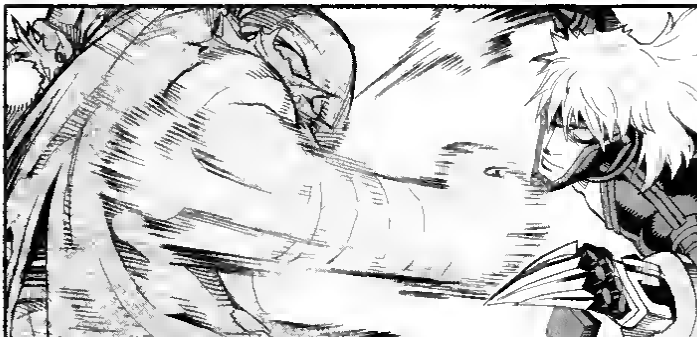
Got it?
Show me everything you've got


I thought there might be something more that I could say to you,
but I'm not much of a speaker
Sorry

If you want to spend as much time with me as possible, that is.
Let's go.





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No games here boy

I told you to get serious
If not,
this fight will be over in ten seconds

He's fast.
His abilities themselves aren't improving.
But the gaps and pauses in his earlier movements are gone.
Like all of his own doubts have vanished...

Release yourself, Seki...
More.
that's it.
Yes!

More...
Anger pads?
Yes
It's a form of play therapy for children
Therapy techniques are fundamentally designed to avoid violence,
but when the target of one's anger is clearly defined,
it is an effective method of releasing that anger without causing any harm
This is just my guess,
but I believe that the reason he gets so furious is because it is that important to him
You take a square pad of paper 30 cm to a side,
and allow the child to draw whatever it is that angers them on the pad, then rip it up
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Therefore, this sparring that you engage in with your apprentice...
might actually be having an effect...
similar to that of play therapy.
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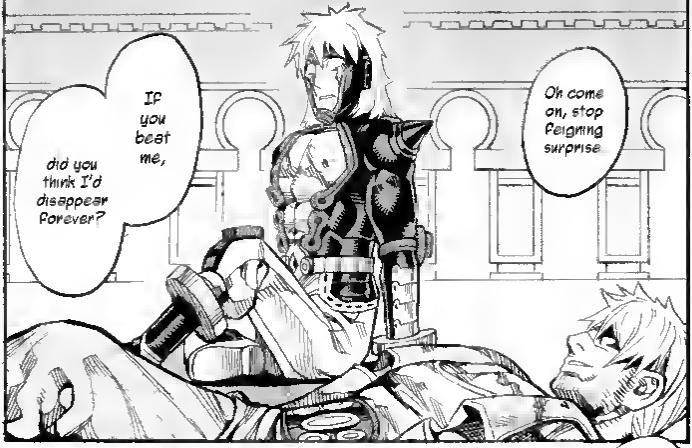
A.

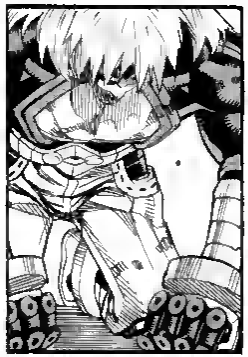
Ngg
Ah,
uh.
FFF
Paaa...
Hah!
Guhh.
Didn't think, I could...
I didn't
I didn't think that would-
blood
All that
Like a fountain
shooting out of his head...
The blood, it,
it wouldn't stop
No.
Could hurt my dad like that

He wouldn't...
There's no way he would let me hurt him...
My dad wouldn't get hurt.
This is wrong.
It can't be...
He wouldn't listen to anything!
No matter what he said,
I just,
I couldn't do anything,
I was...
That can't be.
That wasn't my dad.
All curled up and bloody on the floor...
That's not him!
That's not my dad,
It's not...
What should I do?!
Oh God...
I'm...

Damn, Seki
You won.
Whew

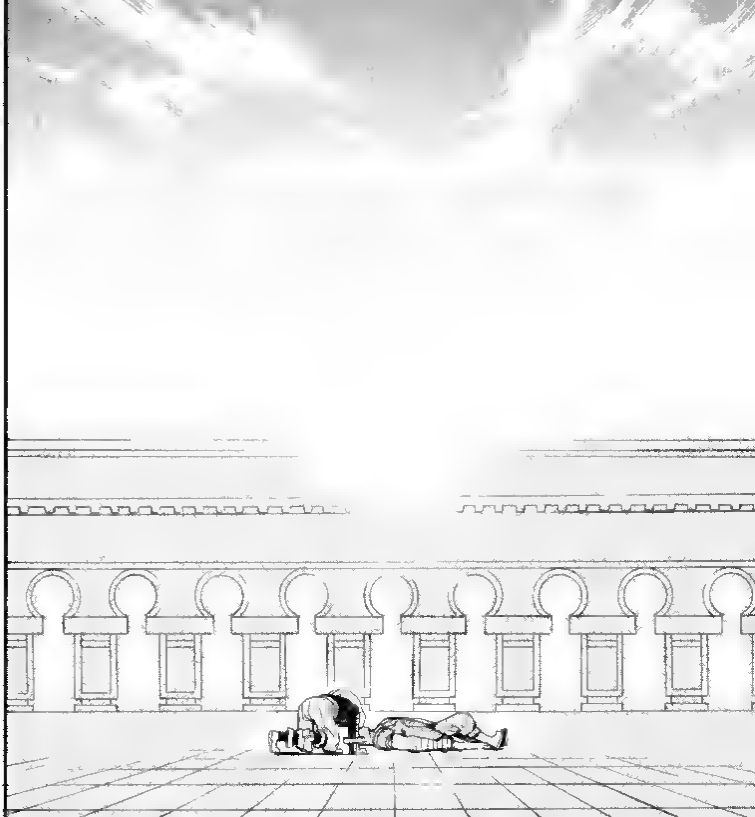

Oh come on, stop feigning surprise
If you beat me,
did you think I'd disappear forever?

I think
you might



So
You've gotten pretty strong

I just resurrected myself, lame as that is
Don't worry, you'll be fine



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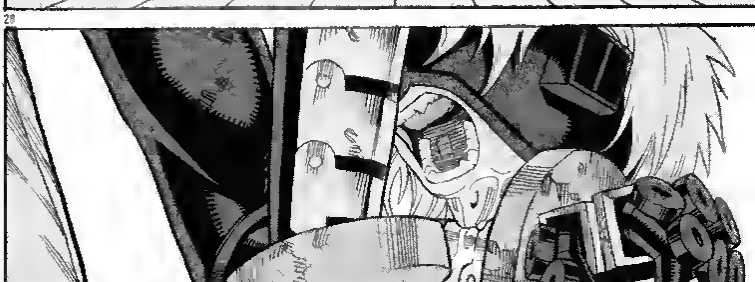

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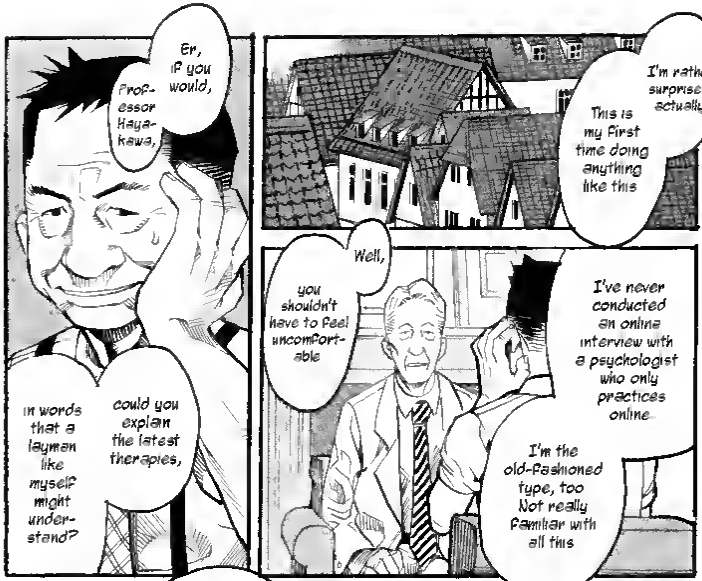
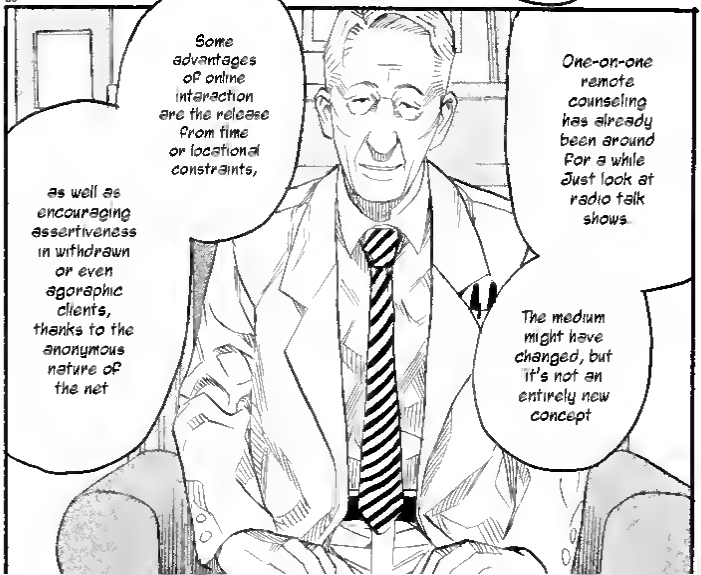

Er, if you would, Professor Hayakawa,
could you explain the latest therapies, in words that a layman like myself might understand?
I'm rather surprised, actually
This is my first time doing anything like this
I've never conducted an online interview with a psychologist who only practices online
Well, you shouldn't have to feel uncomfortable
I'm the old-fashioned type, too Not really familiar with all this


Some advantages of online interaction are the release from time or locational constraints,
as well as encouraging assertiveness in withdrawn or even agoraphic clients, thanks to the anonymous nature of the net
One-on-one remote counseling has already been around For a while Just look at radio talk shows
The medium might have changed, but it's not an entirely new concept

To foster camaraderie in the long term, given ample time
Solut-ions,
you say?
Flaming abusive language, has always been a concern in this particular field,
and there has always been research to find solutions.
Assertive-ness and extro-version are well and good,
but doesn't that often lead to impulsive or aggressive behavior, in reality?
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I don't think one of them necessarily has to come first
?
You mean, if these patients seek out each other through these groups, before going to experts like yourself
Is that what you're saying?
For example, online self-help groups focusing on alcohol dependency or child-rearing will form strong bonds of friendship over a long span of activity.
Now, Professor Haya-kawa,
as someone on the very edge of this field of expertise, you must know what I mean.
But isn't that true for the groups in Linen's online Board games?
Individual users instinctively seek that method out first,
and the professionals are left to scramble over the rest.
The success of these self-help groups have an effect on our own work
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Technology has not advanced by anticipating its effect on the human psyche,
it has forged ahead and is now dragging us behind it
Those in your line of work say that online counseling has dramatic results,
but the stronger a force pulls, the more unstable it becomes.

Is that something that can really be controlled?

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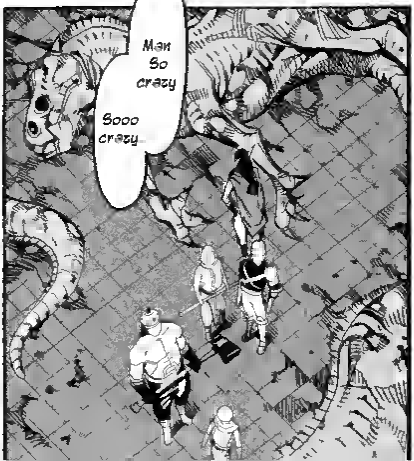
Aha.


Man So crazy
Sooo crazy

Are you OK, Seki?
Huh?
Sorry I guess I fell asleep
Maybe you should just log out for the day
You said you were tired... anyways
But you're all here now
I can keep going
Thanks Tomo, for all the concern
Sure
Now, those people I saw earlier
What was that they were doing?
Role-playing
A treatment that involves acting out a different personality, and solving problems by empathizing with your character

This door?
They certainly did seem to interact as real families, and perhaps that significantly increases their recovery.
But when it seems so real...
Doesn't that become a problem of itself?
Seki, are you really gonna go in there alone again?
No idea.
Once you get this low, there's hardly any info floating around.
So the boss of the 250th floor is in there. What kind is it?
34
Besides, the chances of getting a rare item from a boss are a lot better with one person.
Don't worry.
Yep.
Don't worry, I powered up some more.

Then you told me you hadn't slept in like two days
You were waiting around forever in your Box for Coil to show up
Are you really all right?
Seki, hold on
Tomo?
What?

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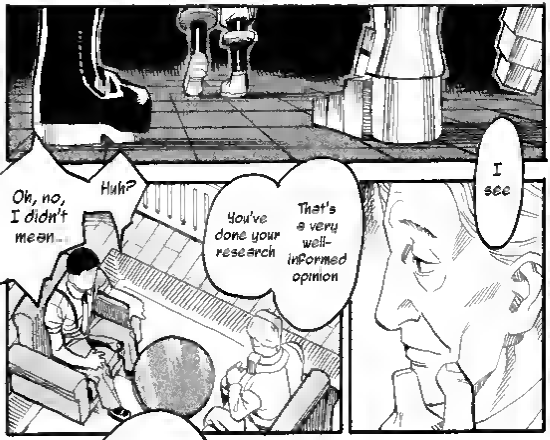
and how do you know your clients aren't meeting each other on other Boards or Boxes during their time not spent here?
There are countless examples of this happening without supervision,
But that's because you're there to monitor it
That's why measures are taken to limit time here and provide individual sessions for everyone, to make sure this point is clear
It's true that online families are not like true families

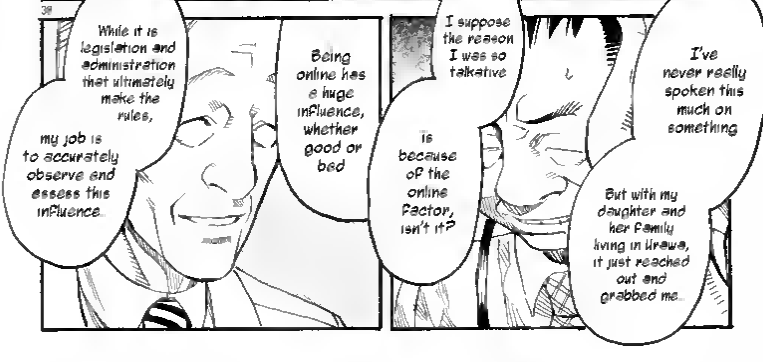
They say he was found playing his Board game, surrounded by the bodies of his family
You've probably heard all about that boy in Urawa
But something's wrong
You aren't forcing yourself to do this, are you?
But...
Look, I'm glad that you've opened up and talk a lot more now.

When there are people who are this far absorbed into it,
can you really say anymore,
that everyone can make the distinction between reality and imagination?
Mmph
Did you just say something, Tomo?
Listen to me, Seki!
Coil's already...
I'm gonna meet him again
?
He asked if I'd go to this festival with him
So I need to raise some more tuition

I'm going with Dad, that's why...
Se-
What's up? Are they having another Fight?
Hang on. I'm coming.
Nothing to worry about. Seki said he was going to some Festival in two days.
Thanks, Tomo
For all the concern

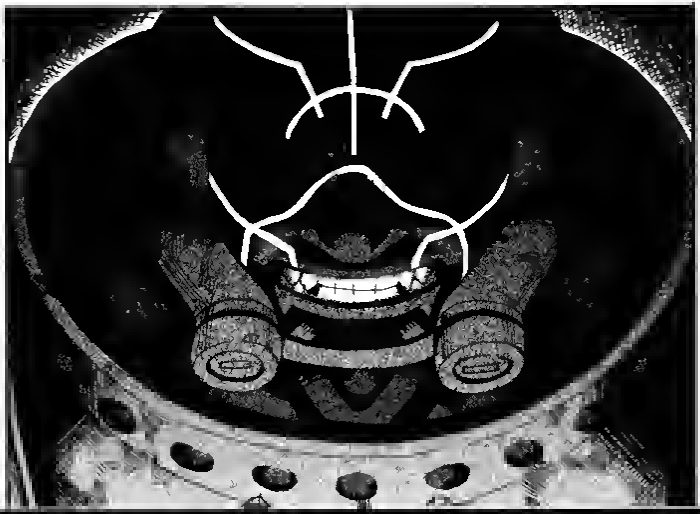

Oh, no, I didn't mean...
Huh?
You've done your research
That's a very well-informed opinion
I see

Besides, it's my job to listen to people speak
The points you bring up are perfectly valid
I'm very sorry
I came here to interview you, and instead I'm doing most of the talking


While it is legislation and administration that ultimately make the rules,
my job is to accurately observe and assess this influence.
Being online has a huge influence, whether good or bad
I suppose the reason I was so talkative
is because of the online factor, isn't it?
I've never really spoken this much on something
But with my daughter and her family living in Urawa, it just reached out and grabbed me...

It's true that our research is far behind the state of affairs
How do we prevent addiction to online communication?
And what kind of rehabilitation program is necessary for those individuals who are so addicted that they are called "invalids"? These are problems to be solved
However,
this does not mean that I have been simply sitting amongst these problems with my arms crossed
There is a somewhat extreme method,
not quite suitable for public knowledge
that's out there
A very unique rehabilitation program
And what's more, this program has already yielded several dozen successful recoveries.

And remember this,
Seki.



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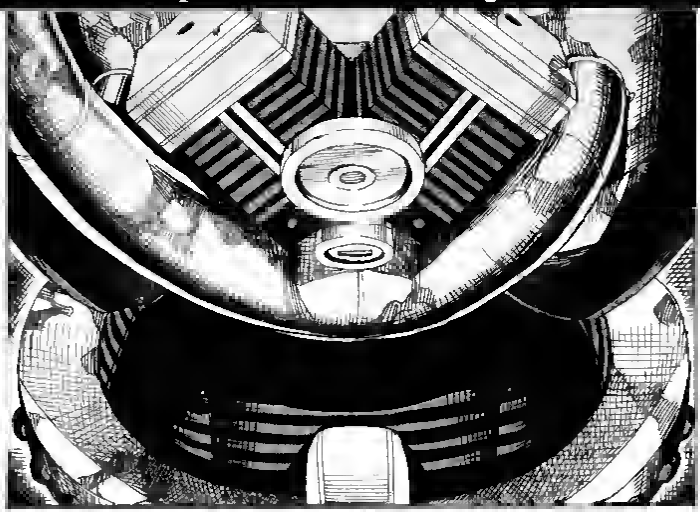

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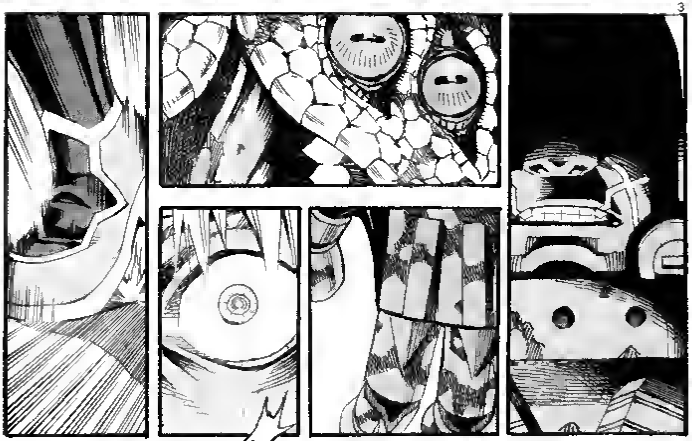
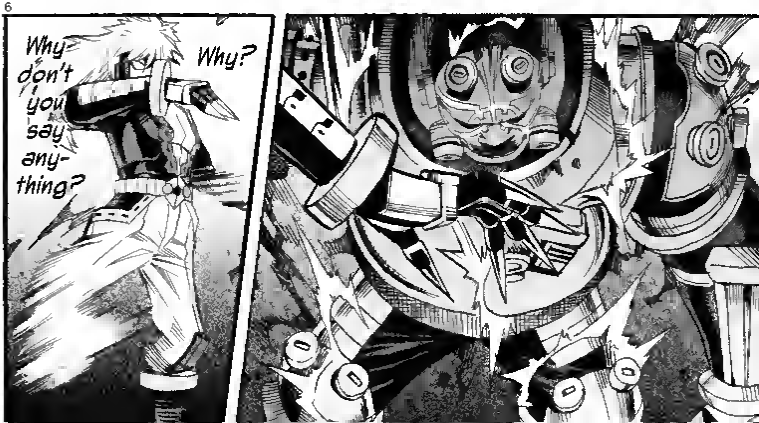


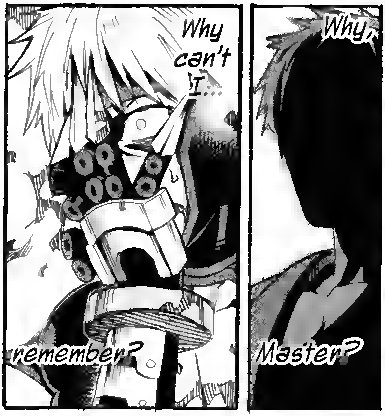
He was...
I knew in an instant.
When the Engine Man has more than half his health left,
he's nothing to be very afraid of
You use them on the Engine Man
Listen
When you fight the Engine Man, bring herbs that can heal you all the way to full at once
Why?
?
In a normal state, he's got far less attack, defense and speed than I do, but his stamina is off the charts
I remember.
That's right.
I'll lay right into him from the start.
That's the most effective strategy
You think that sounds obvious?
They're not to use on yourself
With your combo attacks
Yeah, that might work...

How many?
How many hits does it take to knock him out?
17 hits? 19? 25?
I know Master told me.

Master...
Yeah.


Why don't you say anything?
Why?

Why?
Why can't I remember...
Master?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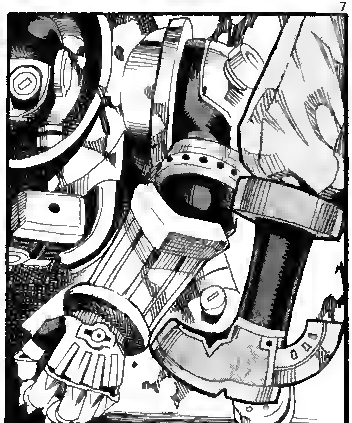

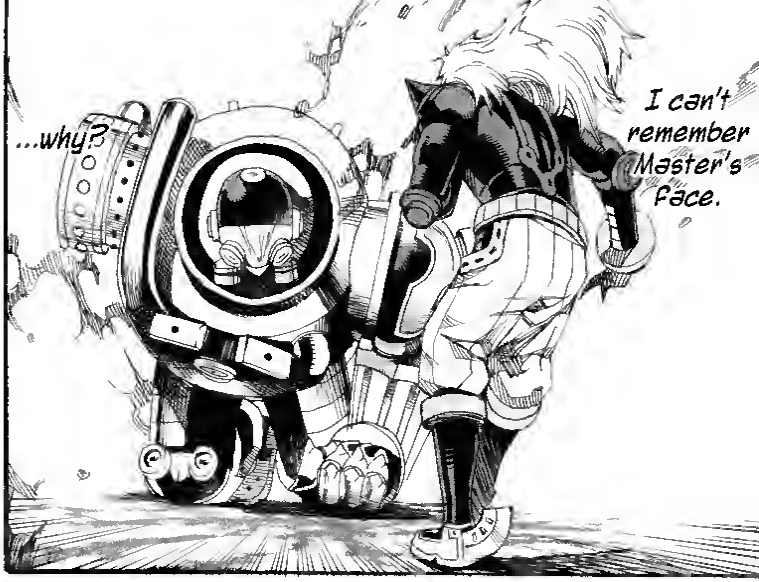
...why?
I can't remember Master's face.

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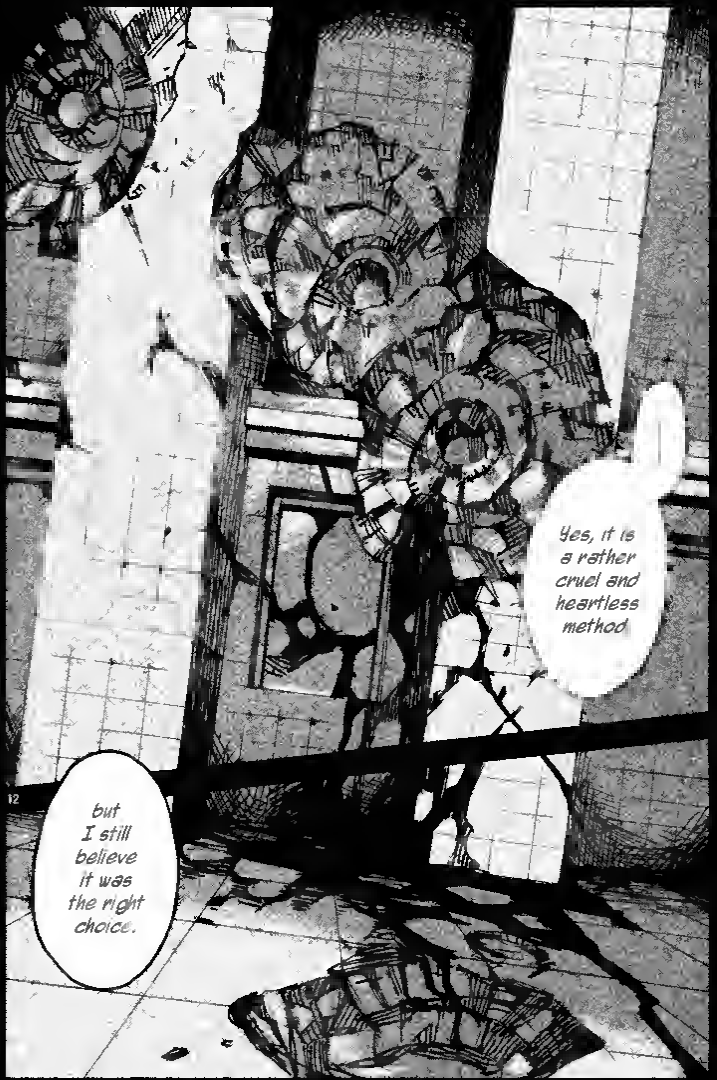
I remember now
oh, that's right
He said
I got stronger
Master told me
He said,
I've gotten a lot stron-ger
I know
Master
I know
told me, so
He said,
I'd be OK
So familiar
That face

...it's Dad's.


Yes, it is a rather cruel and heartless method.
but I still believe it was the right choice.

For the first three days after you killed his character and made his data reset
he was basically prostrate in his room
and after that he was practically lifeless as if his very soul had been sucked away
But I have no intention of criticizing you for it
All you did was your job
It's nice to meet you
But actually if I were using the same character
I would have met you once before, already
I am Takuya's mother
My son is currently out at another job interview
I'm afraid it probably won't last very long

They're conducting the most fascinating clinical psychology research there
and it gave me a bit of an idea
I'm actually volunteering at a seminar right now
Yes, it was harsh
but his character had to disappear someday
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Oh, you should know the answer to that
Because I love this kind of thing
Why do I assist with it?
It is a very small sum, but we'd like to give you some recompense as collateral for your help
There is a great deal of consideration for the psychological effect...
The doctor receives research funding from Linen you see
this kind of program has on the client... and on you yourself
It would help the company's image if they could advocate some kind of new therapy using online board games
it's better that we know when it happens so that we can be there for him
And if he's going to be in agony no matter what...

Very well...
Terms?
by doing that to my son
you have put that part back in a place where I can reach it
By taking away the part of his life that is invested in this character here,
lately I've begun to think
While you are continuing your work as a "returner",
you will come to me for counseling on a regular schedule, for one...
Professor Hayakawa
thank you for letting me take this time with you today
We simply wanted to show you
just how much...
...we appreciate what you've done for us.

Doctor
Why are you sitting here?
Are you meeting someone?
Your pupil.
What was his name?
Coil...
!
...meeting?
Who?
I thought he was going to show up later
No.

How has his... Seki's, progress been?
Quite good
After it was over, he did indeed enter a state of prostration
But I'm told his mother and a local counselor are taking care of him.
Oh.
Miyagi ?
Plus, the last I heard, he and his mother had gone to Miyagi.
Look, look over there
!
Plus, they had already been discussing visiting during the Tanabata Festival period
That's where his father is currently working
The one sitting on the left is Professor Hayakawa,
and the one on the right matches the description I was given,
so he must be the assassin.

It's such a bustling festival tonight.
I wonder why?
...he looks, rather gloomy.
18
Why?
Because you're so strong and beautiful and wonderful, Chloe
Uh, Gigia, why did you bring me...
Oh, but you know, don't you just get chills down your back when you imagine what dark conversation a hitman and his employer must have?

Yes, but what does that have to do with why you brought me here?
Um, Gigia?
What?
Didn't I explain to you earlier about why I'm hiding my face and name,
about the stuff that happened between me and Professor Hayakawa?
Let's go ask him together
If I go by myself, I'll get nervous and mess up
That's why I sent you to ask, because I couldn't go myself
Or did you forget already?
Uh.
Gigia...
Umm...
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Did you really forget?
And so,
this young man failed to get into the high school of his choice, and had to settle for one a rank lower
This made him upset, and he began skipping school,
and it finally ended with him holed up in his room for extended periods of time

Then, on a day he received off of work, his father tried to pull the boy out of his room
The boy took a bat and beat his father savagely
He was hysterical, screaming over and over,
"Why are you saying this now?"
20
But, that's not enough,
you want to help them somehow, even if it will do no good.
.....
Painful words...
It must be all a parent can do to stay standing when they hear them...
A few months after his father got out of the hospital, he was asked to go on a family vacation, and he said the same things

Those are the times a counselor is needed
What we can give them is just a little push on the back,
and a watchful eye
Thanks to you, he stopped hiding in his room playing games,
and he is now heading to meet his father, on his own two feet.
...no matter what it took.
Coil,
I think you ought to be proud of the things you brought about.
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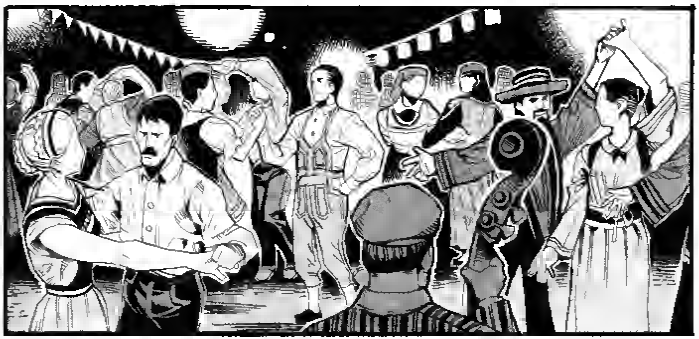

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Grrrrrr...
Gigia,
did you just come here to have fun?
GET UP, STAND UP
Why is it that I'm suddenly beginning to hate him, even though I have nothing against him?
The doctor doesn't look like he's getting up
It looks like that conversation is running long...
They all started dancing
Isn't that great?
Wow!

Well,
yes, that's true
You know,
you really should Crank invited you to come, anyway
Actually, Chloe, there's something I've been wanting to tell you for a long time, you see...
But, no, I couldn't do that!
It's fine... Go enjoy yourself.
Don't let me stop you
I'll wait for the doctor to leave, and then I'll ask him
Huh?
Arrgh, what should I do?!
!
.....
Gigia ...?
Um,
Where are you?
You see?
Look, Gigia...
Profe-ssor Kaya-kawa has already left.
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Excuse me,
may I sit next to you?
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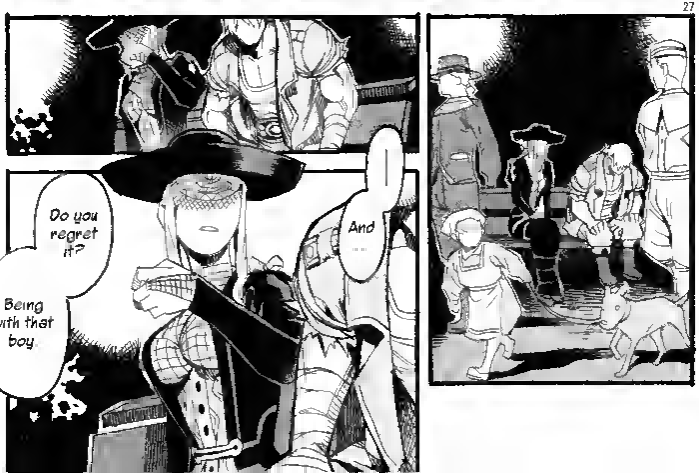
Normally, she's a very considerate and gentle girl,
but sometimes her energy and skittishness get the better of her
For all intents and purposes, I've just been abandoned.
So what are you doing, all alone here...
.....
.....

I was thinking.
About the child I abando-ned.
What the hell could I have done for him?
And what can I do for him, now?
At first he hated me with a passion
I thought he was trying to punish me
That's why I was drawn to his bloodlust
...no,
No, I wasn't.

I just wasn't trying to see
That he...
was desperately clinging to me
And,
I should have known from the beginning
What kind of negative influence it was having on him
Why?
Because I wasn't pitiful, for once
When he was hanging on to me for dear life,
I finally wasn't pitiful.

It didn't matter how
I just wanted
...to be with him.


Do you regret it?
Being with that boy
And...

There was nothing I could have done for him
Nothing
At all
Now, I just don't know anymore
Did I really just want him to be with me?
In the end, all I could do was accept him,
and then leave him.
That's all...
.....
Or did I want him to kill me,
after saying all that stuff??

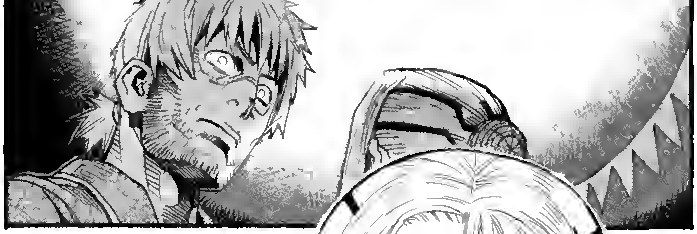
You're Coil,
aren't you?
I would like
to make a request of you
Would you
29
dance with me?

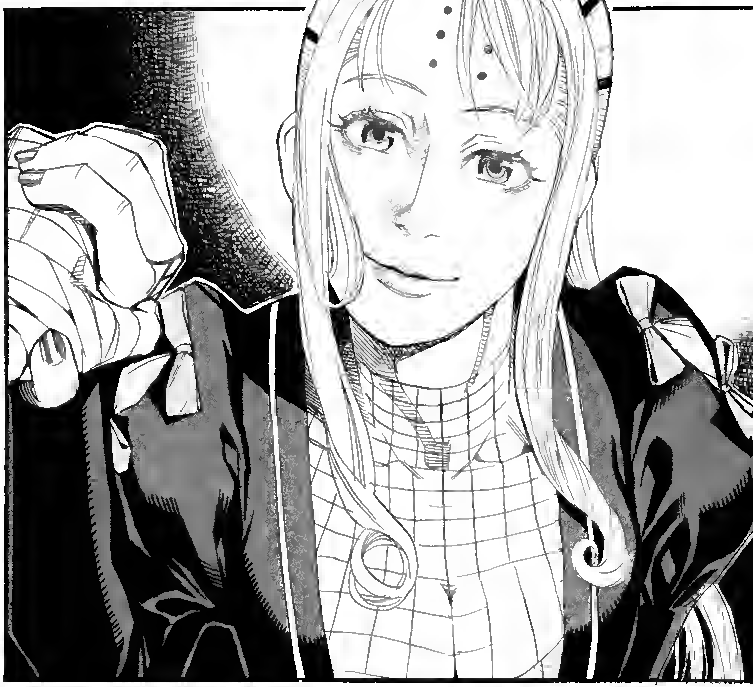
There's something wrong with Coil
Do you have any ideas?
Are you listening, Crank?
Do you know where that info might have leaked?
Oh, and here's another thing
I met someone who knew about the connection between us and the returner
I'm sorry to have to do this
I understand that you've been the one who's been leading this thing forward up 'til now
For the moment I can't tell if it's caused by something in the real world,
or if it's some psychological effect of his job as a "returner"
No, I don't
Not a clue
Crank?
Not at all
Don't let it bother you
I'd like to cancel activities for now, until I can figure it out

More importantly, this gives me a good opportunity to help you folks
No, no
Don't let it bother you
!?
Is that my fault?!
It looks like
all of our future schedule has been cancelled
Because of what I told him...
Are you sure, Crank?
Wasn't that work important?
It's all right,
all in the past...
Oh, Crank
You are the one I want to dance with...
Let's focus on the now...
That appeals to me,
so much more.

I'm not used to trying these kinds of actions
I'll probably mess up.
At what?
Please don't laugh.
You want me to ?
No never mind.
Forget that, too
!
Oh!
Then, Forget what I said.
Please, laugh at me.
You don't have to tell me,
I already could have guessed
Oh, good.
?
You there, smiled.
just a little bit.
Why do you do that?
This is all just a dream.
Oops,
you're scowling again.
.....

Just, smile with me now
Please.
Besides, who wants to have bad dreams when they're already feeling bad to begin with?
It's a dream?
Yes, it is.
It's like, what's the point?
It can be a lie, or a dream
I just want a happy memory for now
For both of us...





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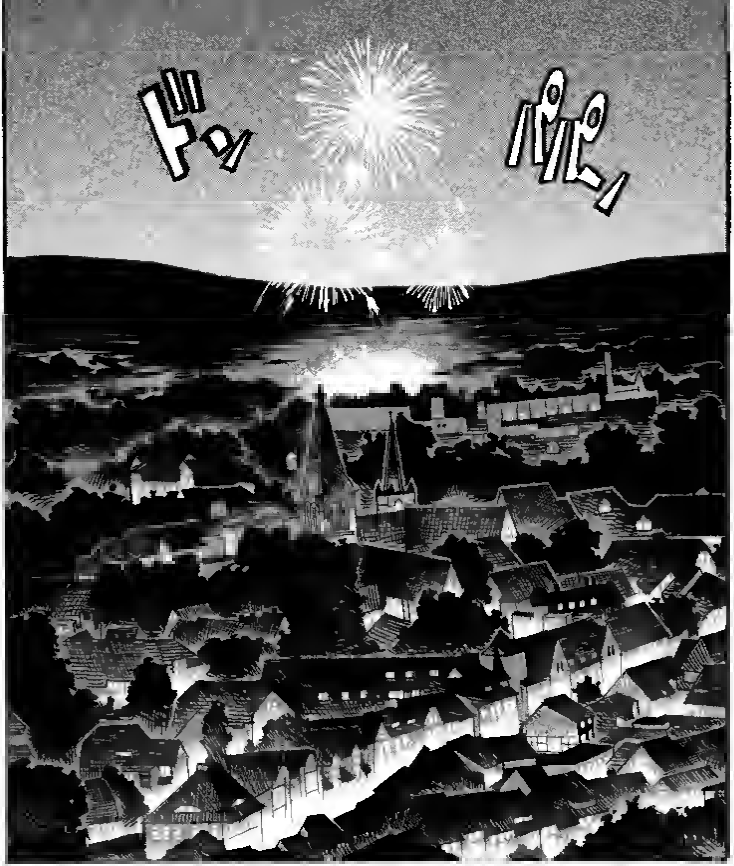

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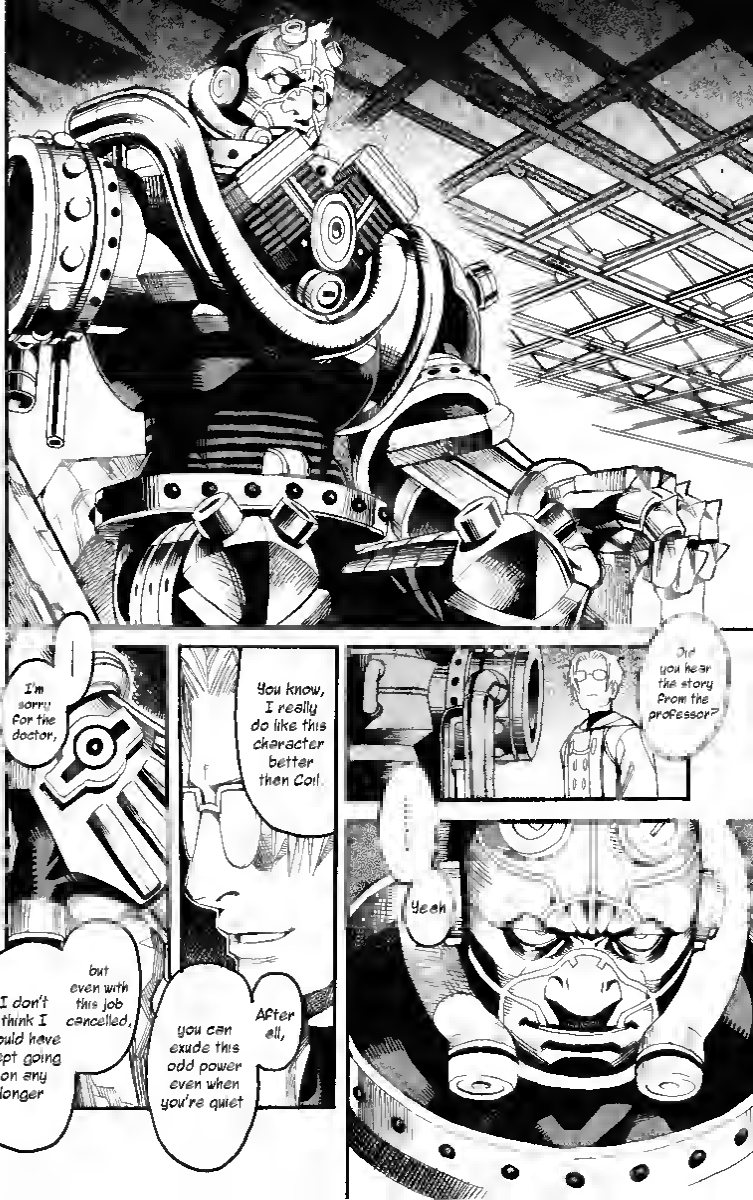
Did you hear the story from the professor?
Yeah
I'm sorry for the doctor,
You know, I really do like this character better then Coil.
I don't think I could have kept going on any longer
but even with this job cancelled,
After all, you can exude this odd power even when you're quiet

Those things are all
in the realm of collective illusions or imaginary worlds
Why, do you think I do?
I see
So let's say they do exist.
who believes in heaven and hell?
Crank,
are you the kind of guy
He would cling to me, bloody and screaming,
as I killed him over and over and over and over and over and over again
After I killed and killed and killed and killed Seki, he kept coming back, and I kept killing and killing and killing and killing and killing and killing him.
I'll be going there, no doubt.
If there is a hell.

Are you sure you're all right?
Not quite, but don't you have to pay for your daughter's hospital fees?
What's this?
Are you worried for me?
How are you going to do that without any source of income now?
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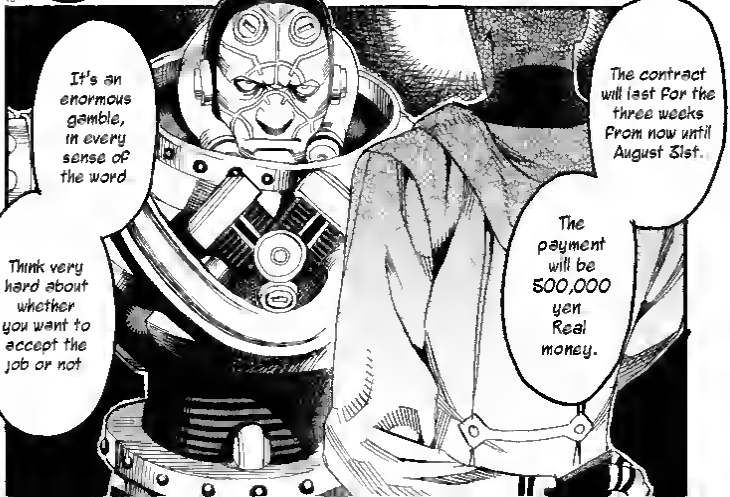
Well, it can't be all bad that you can no longer torture and kill players.
The next job is entirely the opposite. You will be protecting players.


The contract will last for the three weeks from now until August 31st.
The payment will be 500,000 yen. Real money.
It's an enormous gamble, in every sense of the word.
Think very hard about whether you want to accept the job or not.

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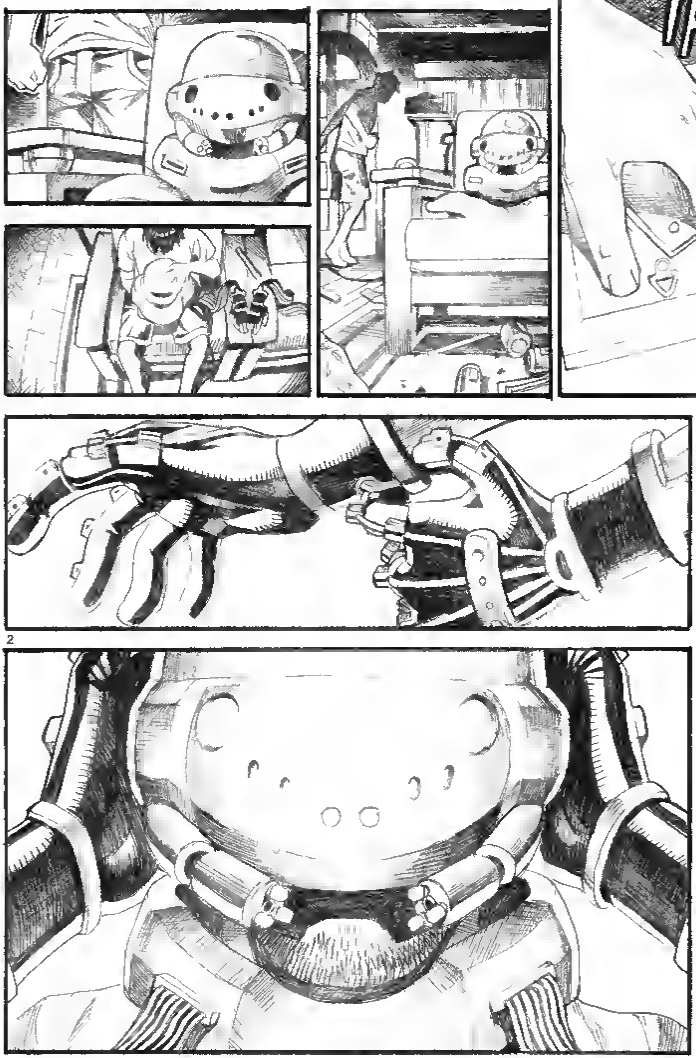
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This is my Box.
I just had it recon-figured.
What's this?

I Figured this would set the mood For a good lecture
Still,
I'm glad you showed interest
Get started
Right
How about the boy in Urawa?
It's received so much attention in the mainstream that I'm sure you know the outline
Yesh
So what about the various mish-mash of rumors both true and false circulating online since then?
I suppose you're not the kind of person who holds much interest in them
Let me show you the certain facts
First, the boy's character

Which one is he?
The one right in the middle, the very back...
This video from Liner's official board just happened to catch him.
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Pretty plain look
Weren't there any better videos?
This is the important part.
If you check the times, this video was recorded after he had already killed his three family members

Looks normal enough
Yes
But watch what happens next
This bit of video received more attention from players,
so it's easier to see him
Do you see what he's doing?
He's meaninglessly killing an auto-reviving enemy over and over again
It's hard to call this normal activity
The real problem is what happens after that
What's that,
a dragon?
That's right
After this, the person recording the video focuses on its mouth,
so watch closely

I hear something that sounds like screaming
What is that?
He is screaming as the dragon eats him
Normally one would abandon any attempt at survival and just restart
But he apparently spent a good 5-6 hours screaming and flailing like that
Afterwards the police came and arrested him, and he would never be seen in this world again
Which makes this the last such video ever taken of him online
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It's bad enough that he simply jumped back into the online game after killing his family,
but this is like a textbook case for the "virtual worlds nurture increasingly violent behavior" crowd.
I Feel sick.
I didn't want to press, earlier
Have you been drinking?
I'm sure you realize what kind of fuss this caused in the mainstream media
I've known you long enough to guess
Plus, it creates problems for me if you're in that kind of state, too
What gave you that idea?

How so?
I'm getting to the important part
For now, the media is suggesting that the influence of violent, realistic online Board gaming is to blame for the death of his family,
but that's not quite in line with the true situation
It's not?
How?
And as you know,
our current clients are the residents of his now-masterless Board,
and our job is to protect them from outside harm for the next three weeks
For the past year, he had been working enthusiastically as the Game Master of his own Board
He had not been participating especially much in the more violent games
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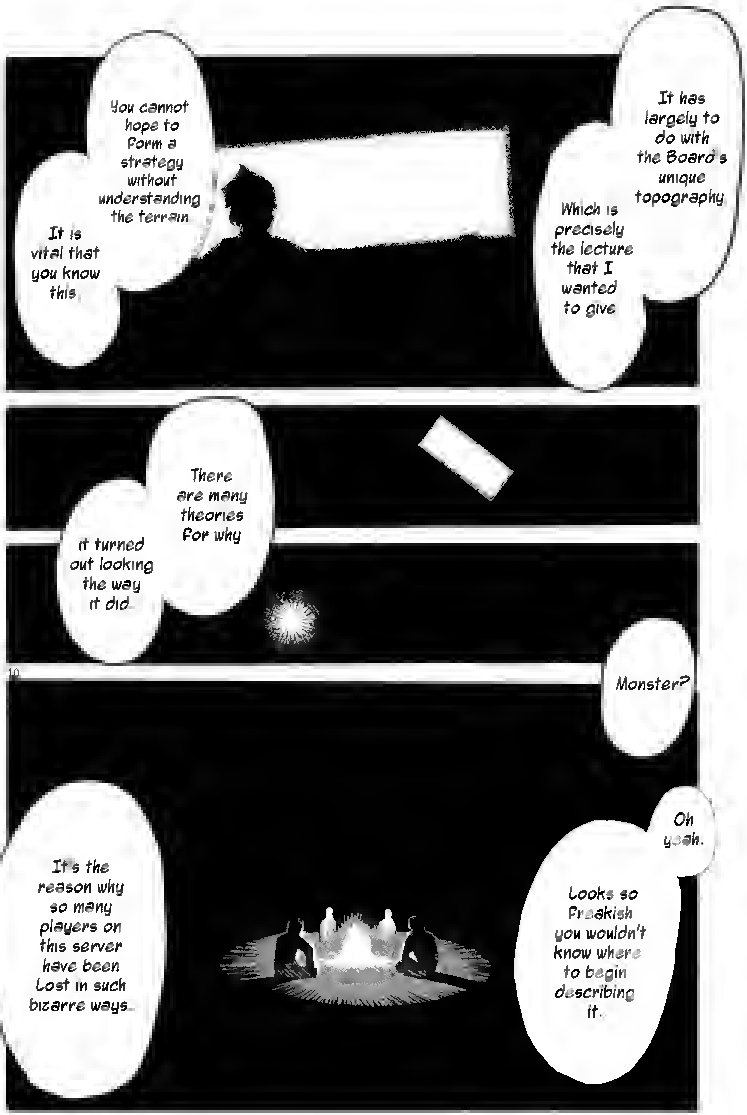
As you know, at present there are seven people associated with that Board who have died, either by suicide or homicide...
The police have supposedly checked through the Board's records and have questioned people involved so that they know what happened for the most part,
but the amount of info that has leaked to the media is surprisingly small...
And so, large numbers of people have been connecting to the Board, from curiosity or other reasons,
and to our clients, they are all potential threats...
I got a question...
The whole thing was first reported on the news a few weeks ago
That would have been the time when the most people logged on...
What is it?
So they've managed to survive the worst two weeks or so just fine...
Why do they need bodyguards like us now?
Very good
That's an excellent question


It is vital that you know this.
You cannot hope to form a strategy without understanding the terrain.
Which is precisely the lecture that I wanted to give.
It has largely to do with the Board's unique topography.
it turned out looking the way it did.
There are many theories for why
Monster?
Oh yeah.
Looks so freakish you wouldn't know where to begin describing it.
It's the reason why so many players on this server have been lost in such bizarre ways.

Is that for real, old woman?
Why the hell would I lie?
You see any spots of ground over there with lots of static noise and the like?
Well?
Oh, like this?
Take a good hard look
You see anything that looks like human features on it?

One lone cracker came in and caused a radical change in the Board,
and the hundreds of players who were caught in the middle ended up stuck in the landscape like that.
That's a special little side effect of the monster called Kabaki's powers
It just moved!
WHOA! Shit!
Yes, that's the reaction I was looking for
Ahahaha hahaha!
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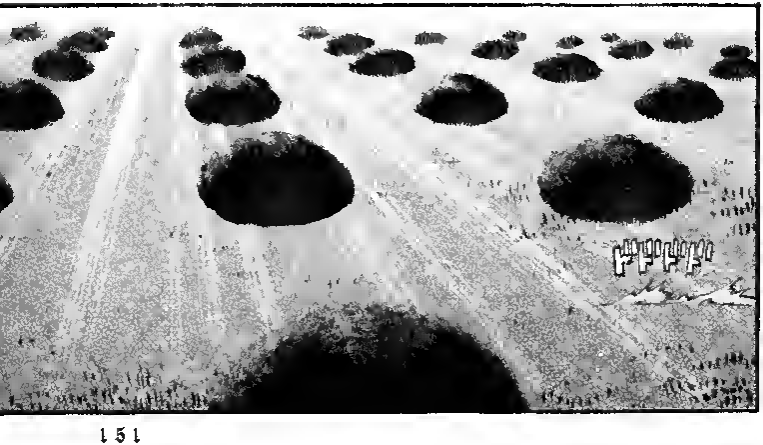
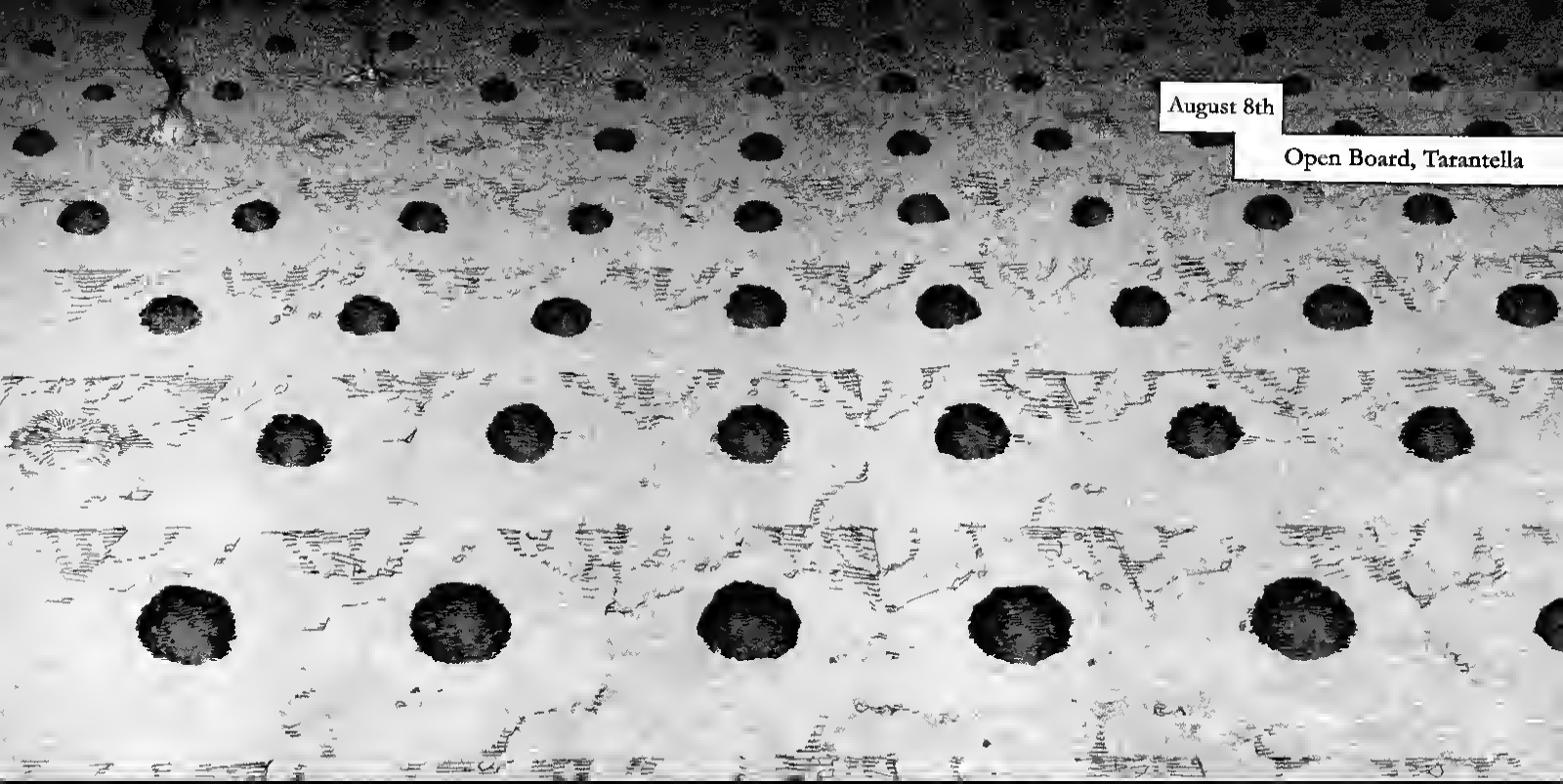
Oh, yeah.
I guess not
So it couldn't have been him
The alteration came after the GM was arrested
But if Kabaki was the GM, why would he wreck his own Board?
He was a frickin murderer
I can easily imagine him wreaking havoc on his own Board
What do you think?
There are three possibilities.
It really was a cracker, a person who got terrain-altering codes from the GM, or the GM himself

You're free to make all the theories you want, but I think you should move away from the GM angle.
Well, what if the GM set up a program to carry out that transformation after he was arrested?
That way he could take down his creation with him, rather than letting other people ruin it.
Because Kaboki still shows up, from time to time.
Why's that?
.....
Otherwise, your precious character will end up painted into the ground like everyone else's.
They say you can hear a baby crying when it's about to appear.
You folks should take care
Yaah, just a little errand.
What's up, Grewny?
Leaving already?
If you hear it, get the hell away from where you are.

I wonder who she was
So long
It was fun talkin' to you folks
Huh?
You mean you didn't know her either?
It's the same no matter where we go.
This Board is so damn weird.
Well, should we get moving?





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Itaka
What are you doing here?
Mikao
Don't you start being childish
But I want to
Look-out
This way I can also kill anyone suspicious who approaches
I thought I explained that to you
You can't shoot anyone yet
18
Judging from the smoke, it looks like someone's gotten pretty close
If they actually show up around here, you hide

It's dangerous just having you around here on lookout.
What's most important right now is that no one knows we're here.
I understand you want to do something, but we must be patient.
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But, but,
Mikao
You seem to be calm and composed, but I know you get worked up quick.
Don't you but-but-but me.
Gaur went and ran off somewhere by herself?
I thought I should look for her.
She what?
I'm sorry, things got out of control-
That's not like you.
I don't want to hear any excuses.
I mean, I'm not talking about me.

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Go on, you kids shoo.
I'm coming in, Chloe.
Do you mind?

20
Huh?

Where's Chloe?
I'm guessing in her room.

Grr
That little Pool is such a handful
Meow!
Gramma Mikao, don't say mean things!

She was just awake, a bit earlier
It's all right
She's been on edge for quite a while now
We have to give her some rest.
1 of 4
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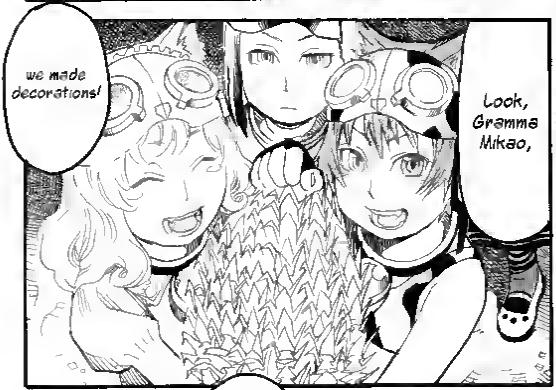
So when was that new bodyguard we hired supposed to come?
We're supposed to have a meeting with him in Gigia's Box,
one hour from now, at 10 o'clock AM
All right
If I'm not back in an hour,
you go to the meeting in my place, got that?
And about how long ago did Gaur run away?
I'd say
20 minutes ago
23
Huh?
I've got almost an hour to go find her Don't worry,
I'll bring her back
You were the one
who just told me to be patient
Sorry
I'm just acting selfish
I'm a sneaky woman, see
I can do these kinds of things because I know you'll allow me.

What are you kids doing?
What's this?

Huh?


We made decorations!
Look, Gramma Mikao,

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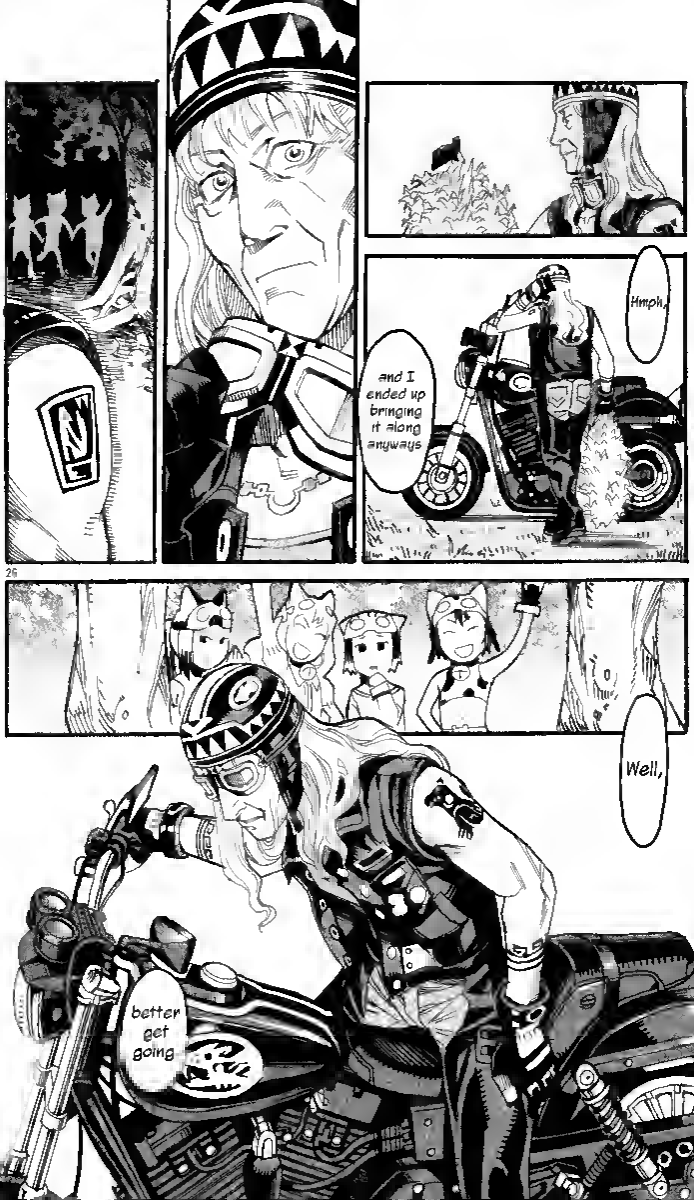
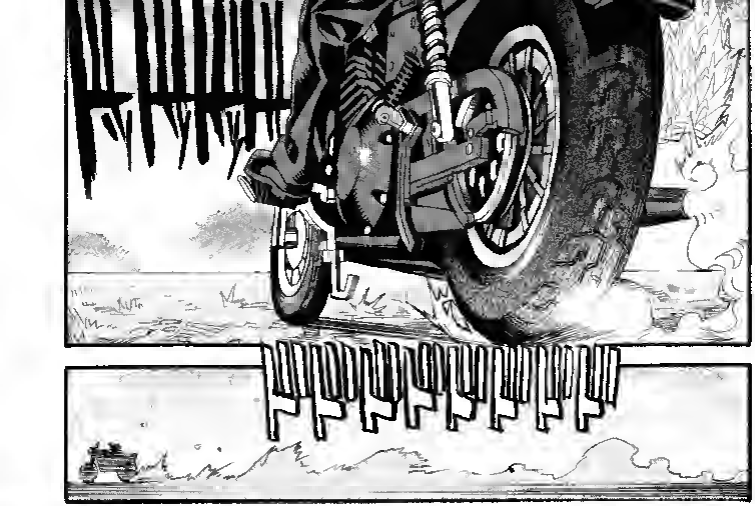
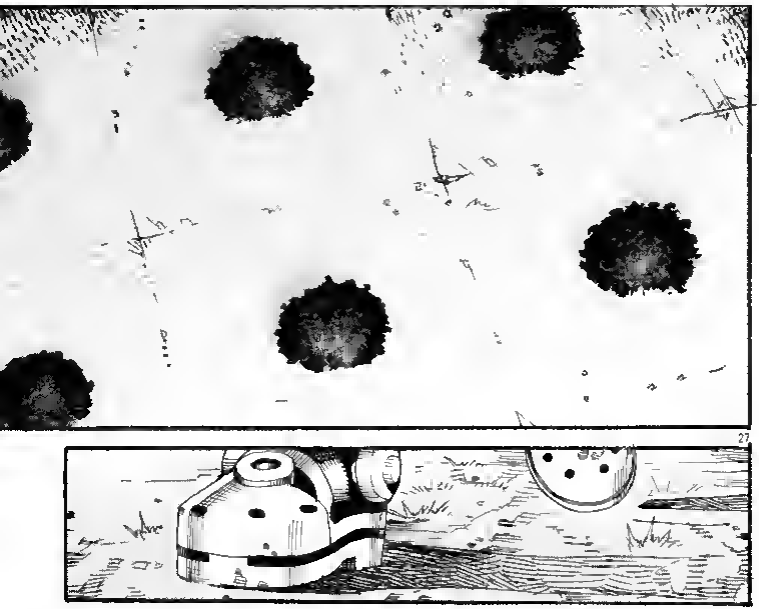
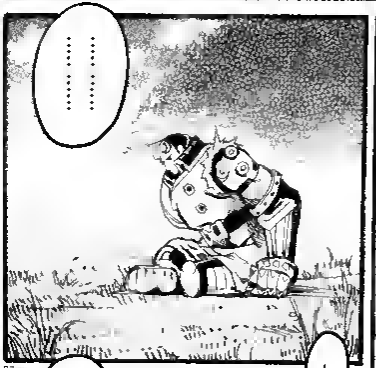
Just copy-pasting one of them to make a thousand doesn't make me feel as thankful
Y'know, these things are only meaningful when they're individually handfolded
Is this supposed to be a prank, or what?
Besides, just because of what's going on with me doesn't mean you should make me one of these creepy things
A string of paper cranes?
So what is this, anyway?
Don't get ahead of yourselves
There's still plenty of time, kids
We hope you'll like them
And we practiced a buncha songs and stuff

Um
Aaah!
That was so mean!
Gramma Mikao made her cry!
You shouldn't do that!
Huh?
Wh
What, that's not something to cry over, is it?!
What's going on? What's wrong, ma'am?
I'm sorry, girl
I'll never know how to act about these things
First I don't know what to do,
and so I end up saying things like that
Nothing to do with you
Go back to where you were.
I'll practice so that next time I say something a bit nicer
Just forgive me for now


Hmph,
and I ended up bringing it along anyways
Well,
better get going



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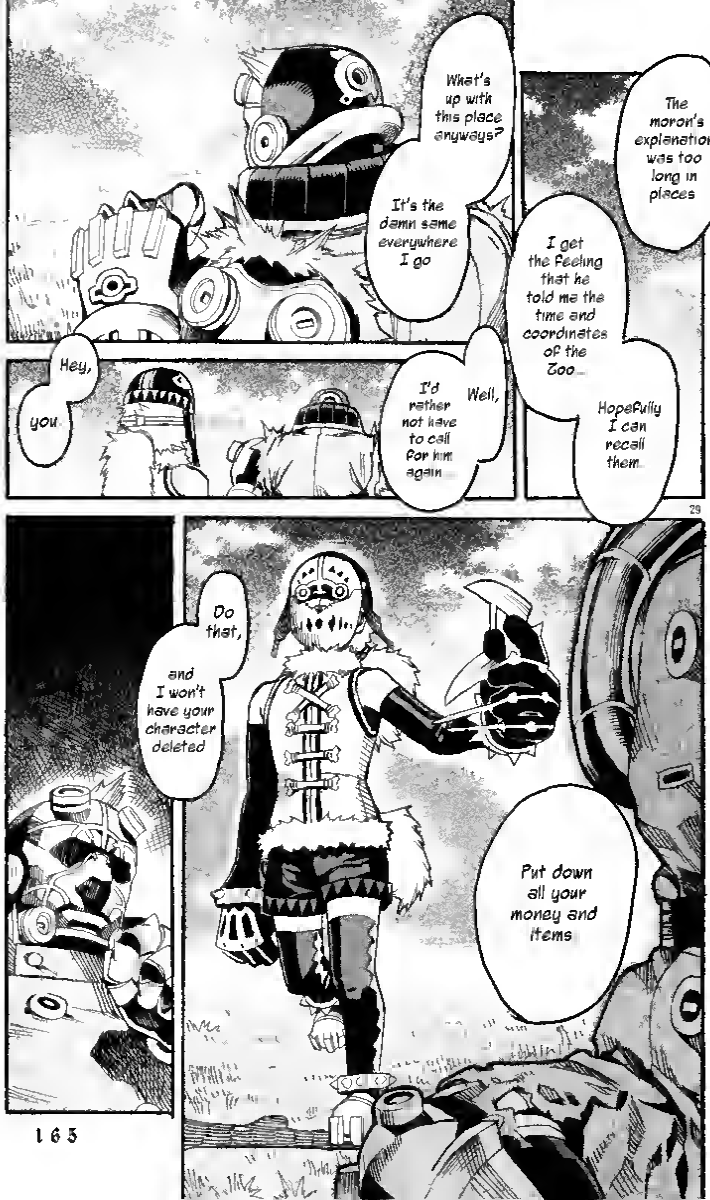
I can only remember
parts of what he said yesterday
Damn


What's up with this place anyways?
It's the damn same everywhere I go
Hey, you
Well, I'd rather not have to call for him again...
The moron's explanation was too long in places
I get the feeling that he told me the time and coordinates of the Zoo...
Hopefully I can recall them...
29
Do that,
and I won't have your character deleted
Put down all your money and items

!!
!
Where do you think you're going?!
H, hey!
!?
Don't ignore me,
you big hunk of.

Huh?
.....
.....
Urp
.....
oops
Damn
I'm still a bit drunk

Grrr!
……
!?

What?
So I guess the claws are where the resemblance stops
There's no anger or feeling in your attack
You can't kill me without it
Hey, do you use drunken fist or something?
What?
So why can't I
I should have the upper hand in attack, speed and overall offense
33
You're not faltering because of me
You can feel your own inferiority, inside
Is this your first time playing bandit?
Do you know anything,
Wha
What do you know about me?
about where the "Zoo" might be?
This is just wasting my time.

?
Bloodlust?
Those eyes...
34
!?
Ah.

Ahaha haha haha
You fell for it!
You fell for it.
You acted like you were soooo smart before,
and now look at you!
They all call me a loose cannon,
but you can't set up a trap like this without lots of planning
I'll be taking all the rare and valuable items you've got,
you dumb sucker.

Wow
How'd you get all these super-rare items?
You're such a wuss
Ooh!
Wowww
This is pretty neat
Did one of your friends give 'em all to you or something?
Don't touch it

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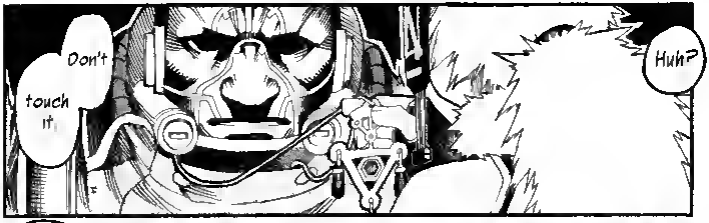
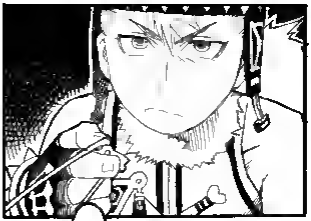

Huh?
Don't touch it

As if there could be anything important to you at all.
That's ridiculous
You're the ones who are always chasing us around and harassing us,
acting like you're so perfect



Hmph.

What do you mean?
You've never even considered that we might have things important to us, have you?
All we want is to be left alone, and we'll be happy
37
You better watch out, 'cause we got a super tough bodyguard coming to help us
He'll pound little wimps like you into mincemeat
You ought to back off, if you value your life
Are you,
From the Goo?
You just figured it out?
What a moron
That body-guard you're talking about,
is me
Say what?
I said, the bodyguard you mentioned
is me
PPP

WAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA HA
おはなしはなしはは
Oo a search
I can't give you a number, but you can be sure there are plenty of people sneaking into the area using cloaking skills
And helpless wesners like you are the ones who become the prey
That's right
I'm guessing you get a lot of PK-ers and thieves around here
That's not even funny
Loser
38
.....
spouting baseless nonsense again
There you go
Aaah, shut up!
I don't want to hear it!
My search range is much wider than yours
I'm a far higher lev-
Get me out of here right now.
Judging from the skill of the guys in hiding,
you won't stand a chance of beating them on your own

You know the kind of people I hate the most?
Guys like you who act like they're all so grown up and smart,
and say nothing but lies
Ah-choo!
39
Now I got a cold?
Talk about a bad day
!
Can you sense it now?
There's someone closing in at high speed without any cloaking
I'm not running away because I believe you, OK?!
You'd better not come running after me!!
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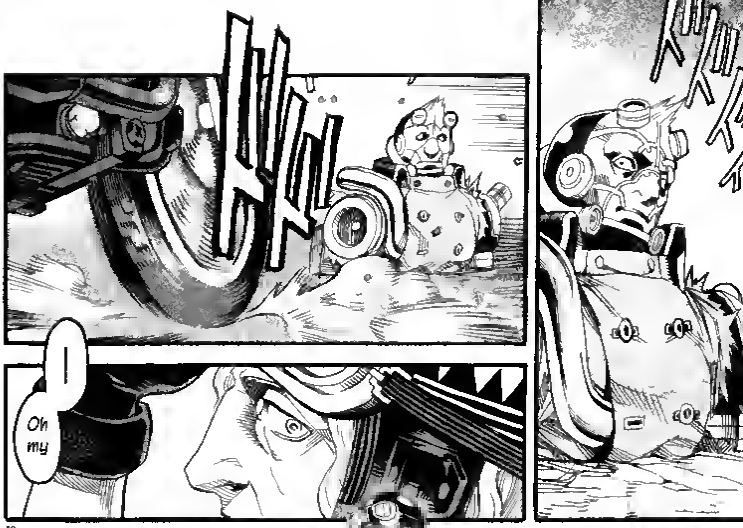
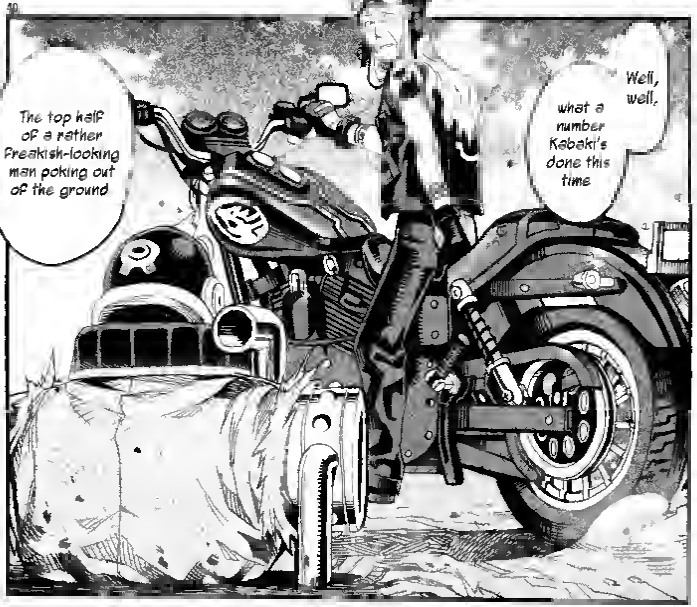

Oh my


Well, well, what a number Kabaki's done this time
The top half of a rather freakish-looking man poking out of the ground

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spinning web

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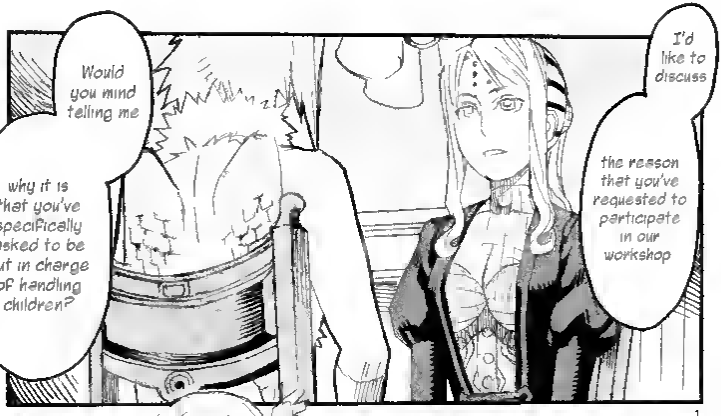

I'd like to discuss
the reason that you've requested to participate in our workshop
Would you mind telling me
why it is that you've specifically asked to be put in charge of handling children?

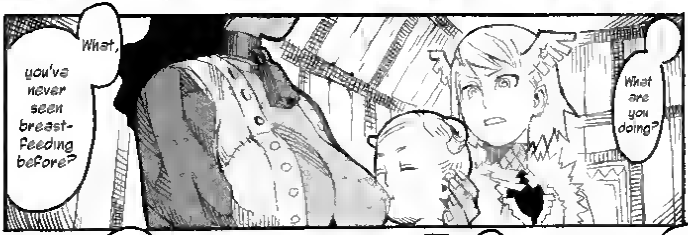
1

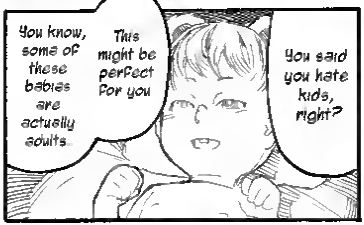
Because I hate them
Kids
Almost everything about them

Sidestory

Well,
all of the children here at the Zoo have problems in one way or another.
Yes,
I agree.

Wow.
I'm surprised she said OK.


What, you've never seen breast-feeding before?
What are you doing?


You know, some of these babies are actually adults.
This might be perfect for you
You said you hate kids, right?

Are all these babies NPCs?
Nope
This one and that one are actual people.
About 70% are NPCs, though.

2

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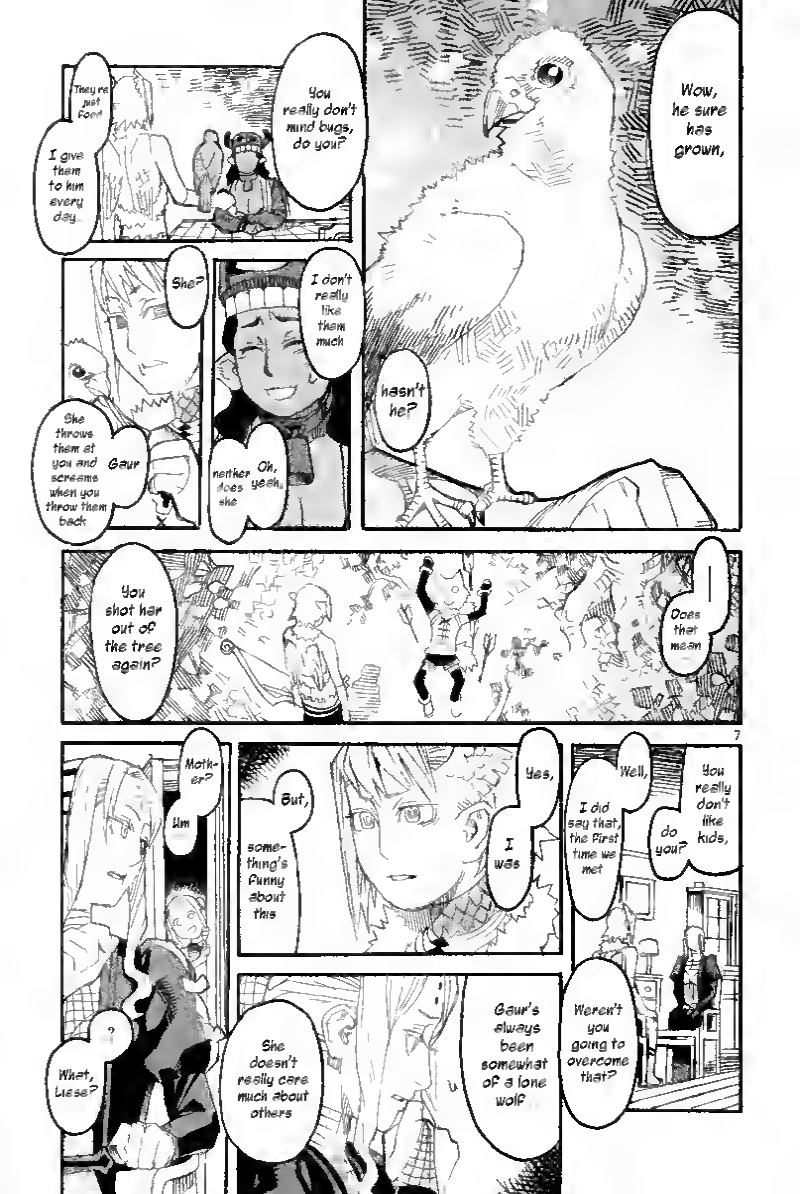
I feel sick.
Why?
Never mind
You don't understand
You can't stand babies?
How about some kids that are a little older?
.....
3

Good-bye
Thank you again
It takes time and effort to tame and train a captured monster
That's why this place is called the Zoo
So we help look after them.
People come and bring us all kinds
That is a lot of monsters
Bet you haven't seen some of these before

Chloe says this is also a kind of therapy.
Well, you don't have to think too hard about it to enjoy raising animals.
!
Disgusting bunch of invalids
Work with animals all Freakin' day... idiots
Itaka?
What's wrong?
?
5
Do you like animals, Itaka?
Well, I guess.
OK, here
?
Huh?
What is it?
A peregrine falcon chick.
Take good care of it
And don't be disappointed that they removed you from care of the children
Just, make sure you don't shoot any of them anymore.

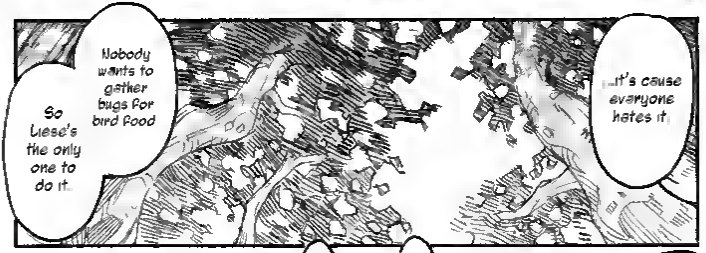
You don't throw bugs...
at people
6
If it makes you cry, don't do it to others
Dummy
A
A
A
A!
HYAA


Wow, he sure has grown,
You really don't mind bugs, do you?
They're just food
I give them to him every day
I don't really like them much
She?
Gaur
She throws them at you and screams when you throw them back
hasn't he?
Oh, yeah, she
neither does she
Does that mean
You shot her out of the tree again?
You really don't like kids, do you?
Well,
I did say that the first time we met
Yes,
I was
But,
something's funny about this
Mother?
Um
What, Liese?
Weren't you going to overcome that?
Gaur's always been somewhat of a lone wolf
She doesn't really care much about others

I'm speaking with a guest right now
Make it later
Uh, OK
Good
I'll hear her out later
I'm sorry Liese's a bit-
No, she's been a great help
Always brings out the animal food to me
For some reason, I don't know why,
she and Gear get along wonder-fully well
Ah...
!!
!?
WAAA
AAA
A
AA!

!?
Be honest with me!
Or else
Boo
GYAAAA
AA
eh
Stop screaming You'll scare Saburo-maru.
Saburo-maru ?
What's that?
This is Saburo-maru I named him that

W-what are you, retarded?
Why do you even bother?
You'll have to give it back, anyway
Gyaee!
ee
ee!
ee


...it's cause everyone hates it.
Nobody wants to gather bugs for bird food
So Liese's the only one to do it.

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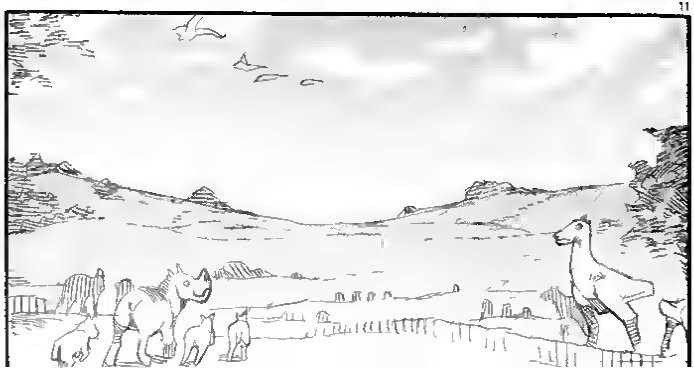
And so you help her out from time to time,
and throw the bugs at everyone.
No, only at you.
But you'd better not tell her
If she hears I haven't been doing my job,
she'll go out on her own and try to do it all by herself.
To think I was just about to thank you
I don't want your thanks!

Too late Chloe already knows
Wha!
!!
.....
I don't mind them
You really can't stand bugs, can you?
Y-you snitched...?
Why you-
In the end,
you're pushing yourself as much as she is
Don't worry,
I'll help out too

Huh?



Saburo-maru
You're so big now, Tweety!
Ooh
Well, look at you
?
His name is Saburo-maru
Take good care of him or I'll hunt you down and kill you
Huh?
.....
Hm...
What are you doing with that hoe?
Oh, nothing
Huh?!
What the...
Whoa!
I guess you do like animals, after all
Yes

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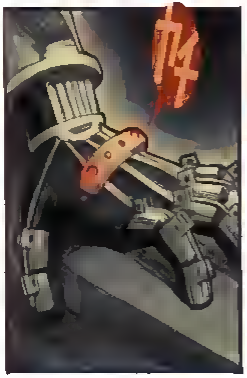

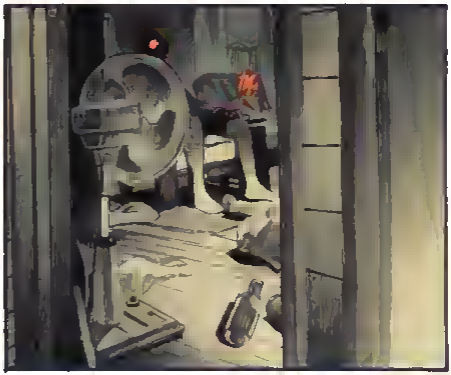

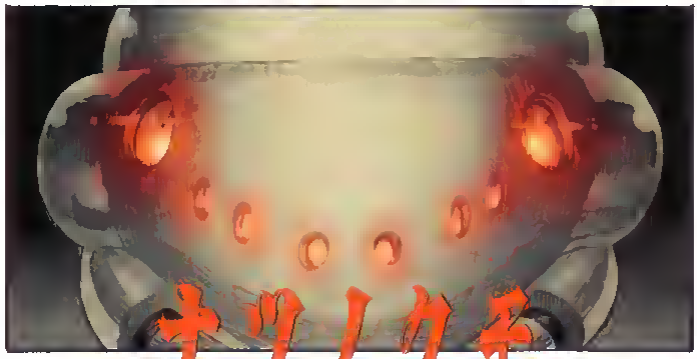

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